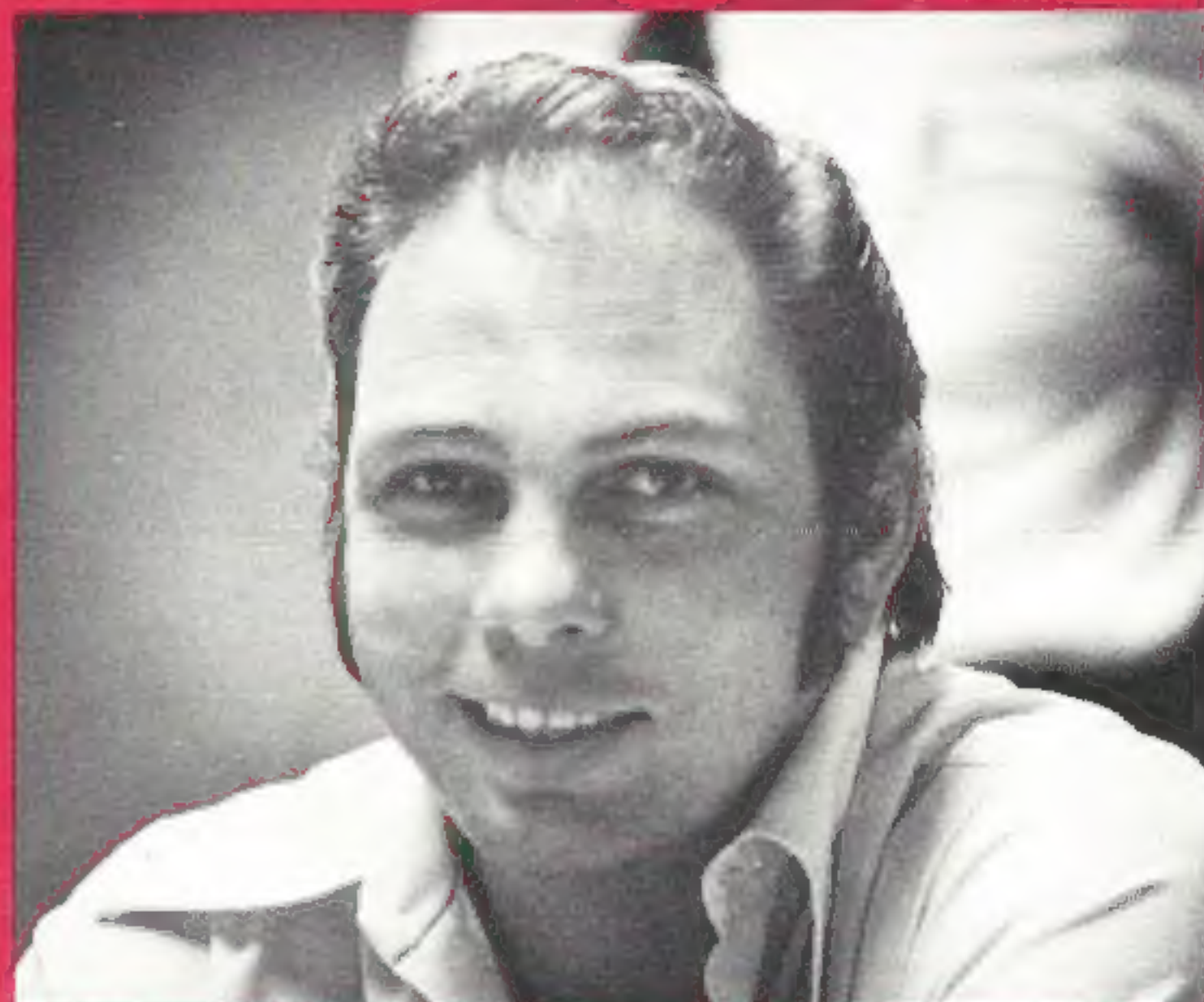
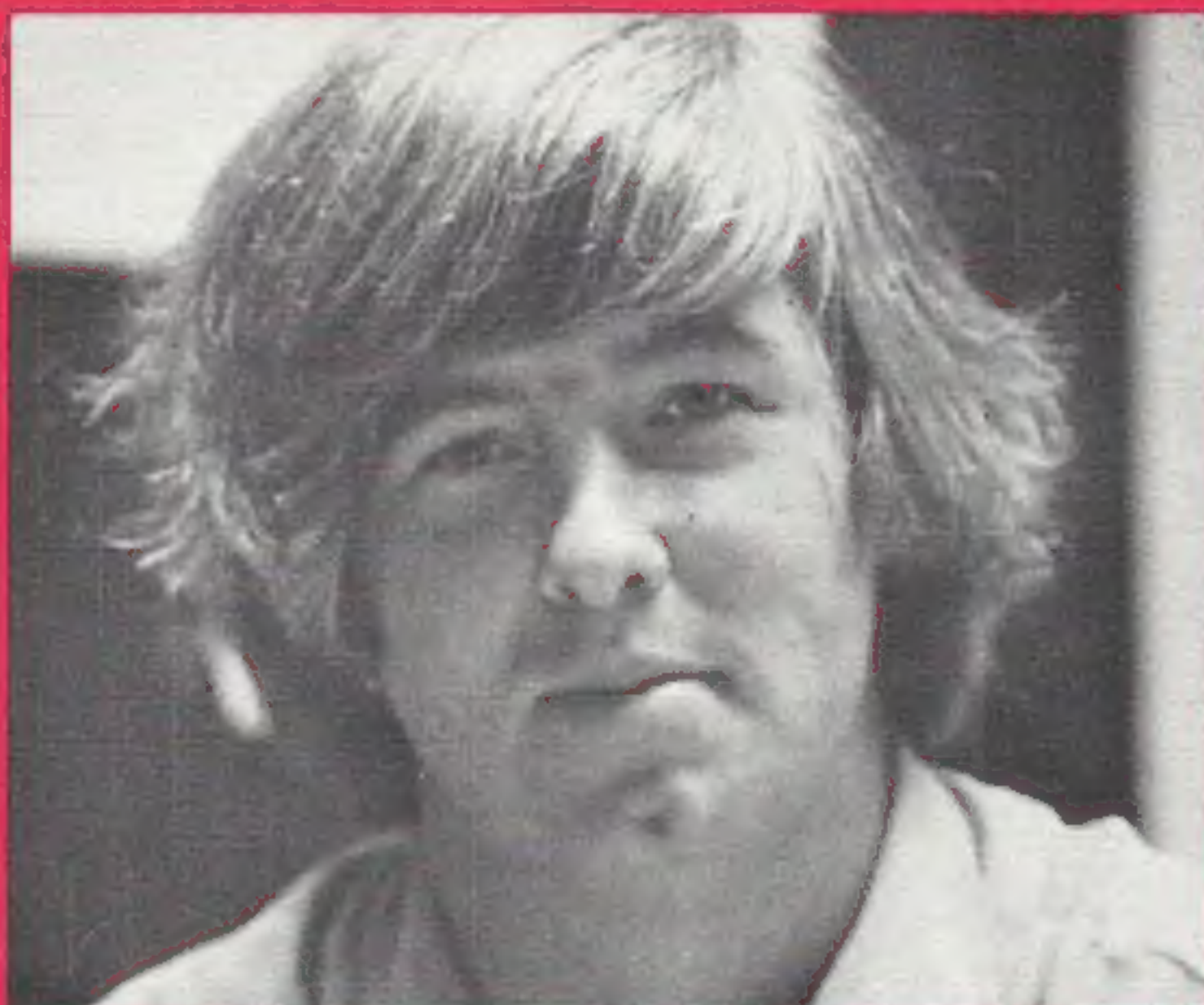
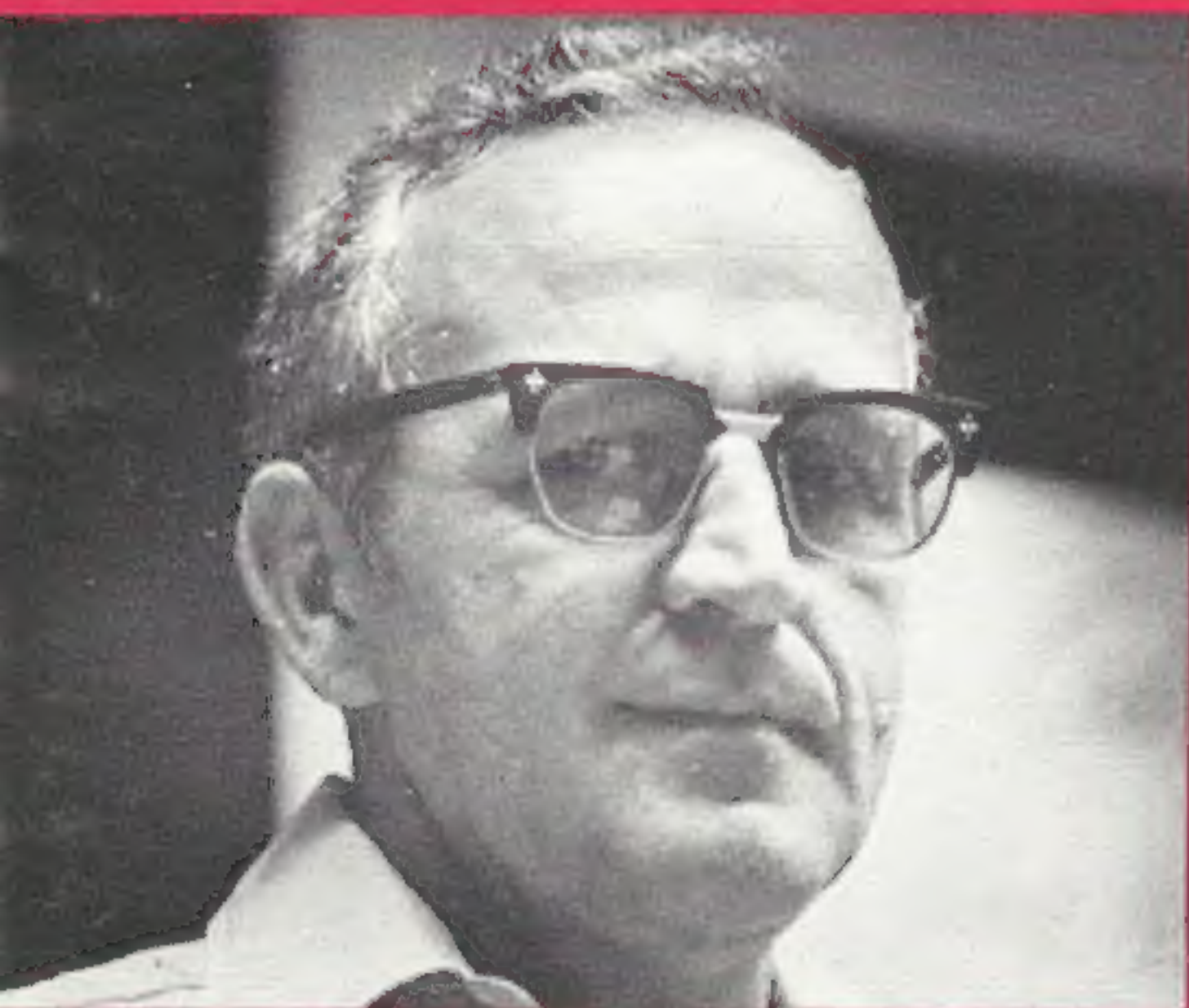
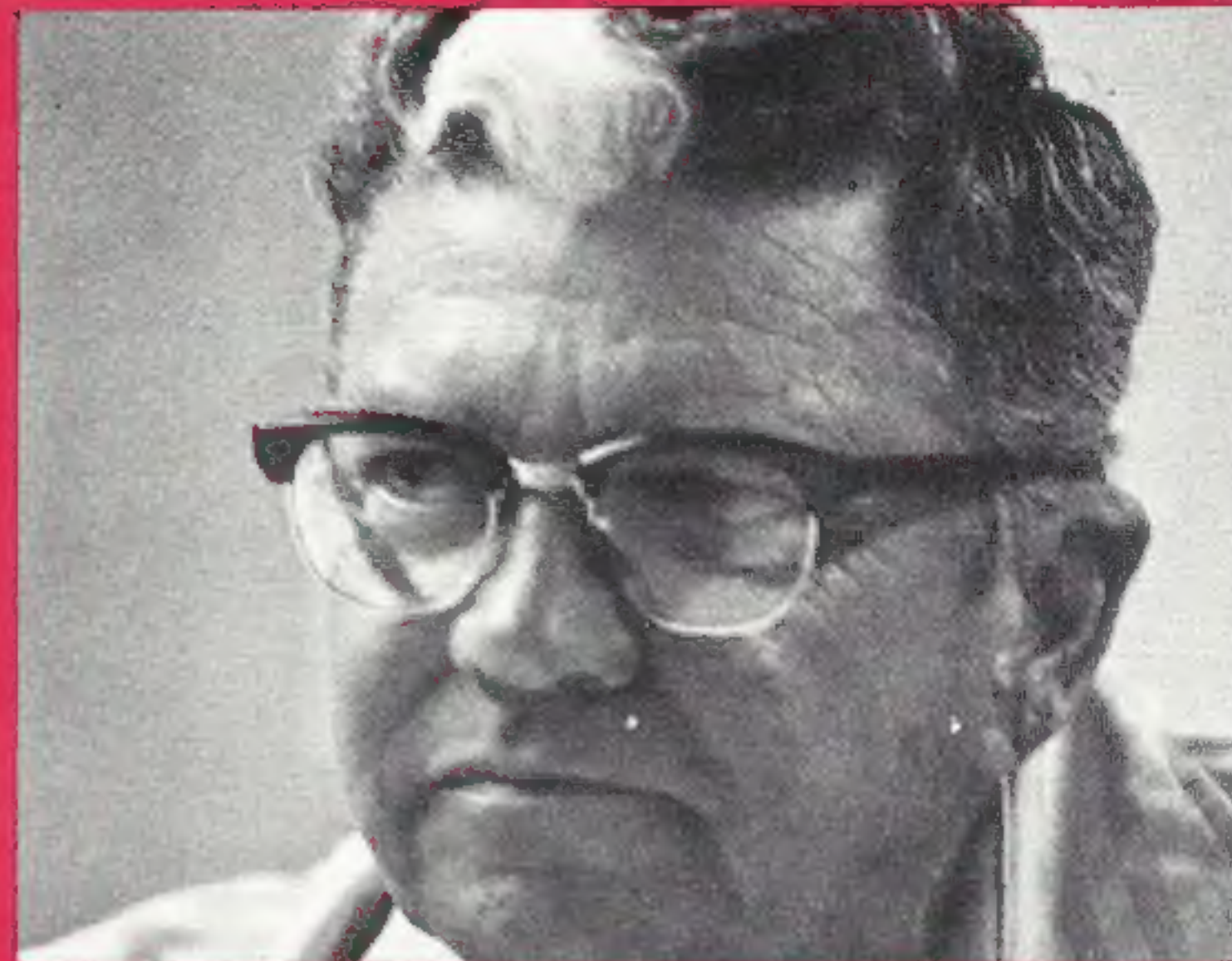
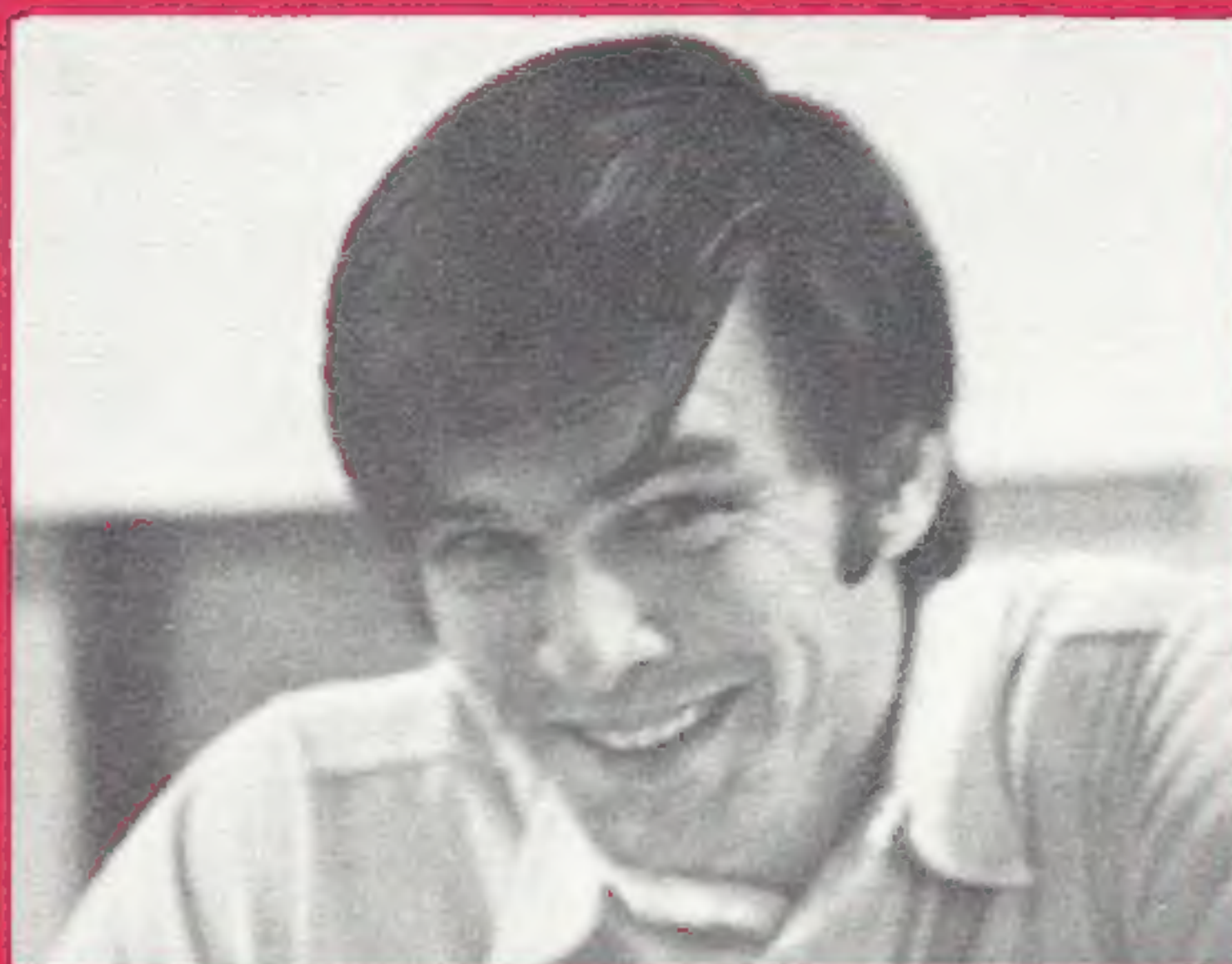
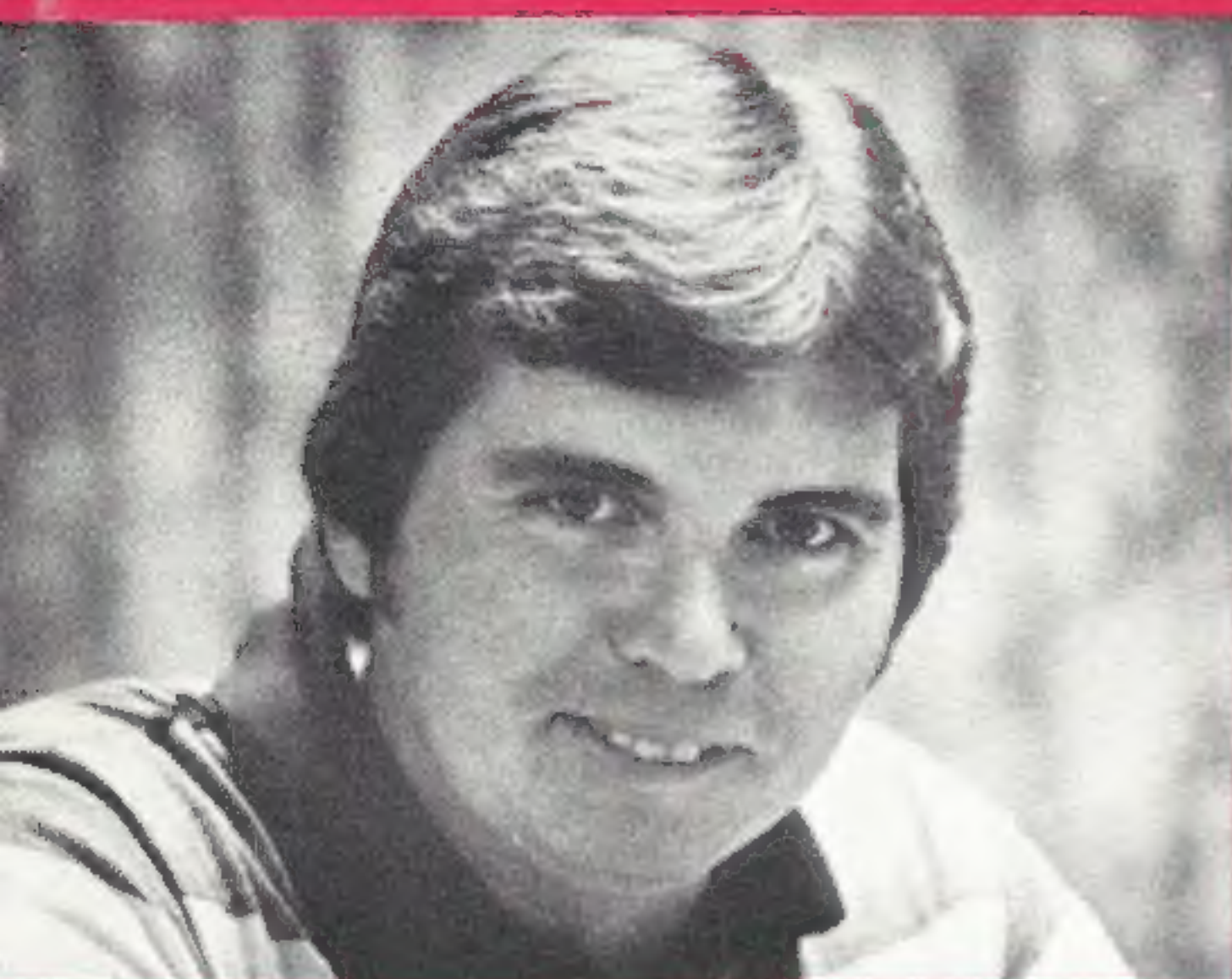


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Best Holiday Wishes to All Employees:

This holiday season is an excellent time to express for myself, and the entire management team, our thanks and appreciation for your efforts throughout the year.

For me it is a particularly appropriate time to express my gratitude, not only for 1977, but for the past seven years I have had the honor to serve as your principal executive officer. The corporate road has not always been smooth, but with your help we, as a company and as a team, have successfully met the challenges of a changing time.

More and greater challenges are ahead. I know you will continue to do what has to be done to forge future successes. Our country depends on a dependable energy source, and our abilities as an industry to provide the electricity we know is going to be needed.

Again, thank you for your efforts, and a very merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year to you and your families.

Floyd R. Smith



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**OUR COVER:** CONTACT, an internal information program designed to pass on vital company information to the employees through employees, has entered its second phase. Nine of the CONTACTers are profiled on the cover, from left to right, top to bottom, Stan Pollins, Baton Rouge; George Hapes, Conroe; Bob Dawson, Baton Rouge; John Landry, Nelson Station; Lee Hickman, Beaumont; Clovis Harris, Sabine Station; Betty Raines, Beaumont; Linda Narcisse, Baton Rouge and Don Ramsey, Port Arthur. See page 2.

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# CONTACT Program Prepares Employees To Pass On The Word

**Employees are helping close the communications gap by subjecting themselves to an intensive public speaking and vital issues training session.**

Can a nuclear power plant explode like an atomic bomb?

What are we doing about storing that radioactive waste stuff that lasts thousands of years?

Can terrorists invade nuclear plants and make bombs?

How come people don't like nuclear power, knowing we're running out of natural gas?

I may want to work in our nuclear plant, so I want to know what happens if a pipe breaks and radioactive steam escapes.

These and many other nuclear-related questions were asked, discussed and answered during the second training phase of the CONTACT employee information program attended by 26 employee-leaders from throughout the system October 31, November 1 and 2 at the Red Carpet Inn in Beaumont. The subject — nuclear power and GSU — was the consensus choice of several hundred employees interviewed by the conductors of the training sessions, Reddy Communications, following the first phase of CONTACT, which dealt with rate relief. CONTACT leaders are now scheduling discussion groups with small (15-20) numbers of employees in their area.

CONTACT training is thorough, intense and grueling. Each day is full, with issue training, televised replays of how each leader reacts to a tough-to-answer question, adversary situations where the other leaders and the outside consultants

try to badger the leader and personal interviewer to measure individual progress.

The Monday session began with S. L. Adams, senior vice president, outlining why nuclear energy, as well as coal, is a must. Jim Derr, vice president, power plant engineering and design, followed with an update on company plans.

Next on the program was Dr. Frank Iddings, of the Louisiana State University Nuclear Science Center in Baton Rouge. Dr. Iddings covered radiation and radioactive waste disposal in a very informative manner and answered questions related to these critical areas.

"Radiation? Sure, nuclear plants emit some. But these plants are so carefully designed and built that you'll get more radiation from watching color TV three hours a day as you'd get if you stood at the fence of River Bend Station 24 hours a day every day of the year," Dr. Iddings said.

He emphasized that various technologies manage radioactive wastes — which are very, very small in quantity from commercial nuclear operations — are already known and can be placed in operation as soon as the federal government decides which method is best. He added that radioactive wastes from the nation's nuclear weapons program are much larger in quantity and have been handled since the end of World War II.

His clincher: "There has never been a death resulting from the nuclear reactor operation of



commercial power plants, and that is since 1957."

With the "issue" stage set Monday, the next two days were spent polishing each leader's skills at getting group participation and fielding tough questions. Videotaping equipment was used extensively throughout the last two days.

It's amazing what that little light on the television camera can do. Men and women who, in their day to day job, are often responsible for the safe and efficient operation of millions of dollars worth of equipment, suddenly get butterflies in their stomachs when the bright lights come on, and that little camera begins recording their every word and gesture.

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**"General public doesn't understand nuclear power, so they are afraid of it. But the nuclear industry has the best safety record of them all."**

**Dr. Frank Iddings**  
LSU

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Veteran newscasters have been known to flub their lines in such situations so it's not too surprising that employees involved in the CONTACT program get just a little uptight when they have to stand before the camera and their peers for judgement. But they tough it out in their shared belief that employees want and need information concerning the issues they face today.

That the training is intense and thorough is attested to by the CONTACT leaders. "They certainly throw a lot of information at you," said Don Ramsey, meterman in Port Arthur. "Maybe too much at times, but it's a very complex subject and we need to know about it."

The "they" referred to by Ramsey are three communications professionals from Reddy Communications, Inc. of Greenwich, Conn. Ken Huskey, vice president of the firm, headed the program and was aided by Ray Beaty and Bill Scheibal. They are knowledgeable on the various issues challenging the electric utility industry and are experts in the development of communications

skills. Their work takes them all around the country helping companies such as GSU establish communications programs on vital issues.

"We realize and understand that most employees have never had a course in public speaking, and that many have never conducted discussion groups before an audience of fellow employees. A large part of our program is to try to teach them how to relax when they make their presentation. We show them the value of using visuals such as flip charts and posters. And we teach them as much as we can about the subject matter. When they get up before their audiences, they are the experts," stated



Huskey. Huskey went on to explain that questions asked which cannot be answered are written down with the promise that the answer will be forthcoming. "This is very important," Huskey continued, "because the CONTACT leader has now become a source of information for the employee, and getting answers to the employees is the purpose of the program."

Most of the 26 CONTACT leaders also participated in the first session held earlier this year on the subject of rate relief. The program was developed by the Public Relations Department with the cooperation of the Personnel Department and evolved from the need to find some way to communicate the vital issues of the day, supported by accurate information, to employees. Employees want to be able to answer when asked by family and friends to explain why Gulf States needs a rate increase, why the Company needs nuclear and coal generating facilities and other often controversial matters.

With this in mind, CONTACT was established to



give employees needed information on a variety of subjects. The first, why rate relief was necessary, went well but there were some reservations by the participants that they might not be fully accepted by their fellow employees. The results of that first attempt showed that the majority of the employees of the Company did want this information, and they responded well to the opportunity to learn more about a subject not well understood by the general public.

"I think these CONTACT sessions are very good," said Clovis Harris, master test technician at Sabine Station. "Anybody can learn a lot about the

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**Dora Hebert**

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subject when it's presented the way Huskey and his group did it."

Similar comments were registered by all the CONTACT leaders. "I can tell the Company is doing its best to inform us as well as could be expected in those three days," said Ramsey. Ramsey did point out that he would have liked to have heard more of the negative arguments on nuclear power "so we would know how to respond should one of those questions come up."

Any time something new is tried the second time around is usually more widely accepted than the initial attempt. "Even though the subject is more complex, I feel much better about this presentation than the first one," stated Ed Brawner, engineering assistant in Lake Charles. "I know what it's going to be like now, and I feel more comfortable about doing it."

Reddy Communications uses various tools of the trade in public speaking to help the CONTACT leaders become proficient. The practice presentations made by each of the leaders are

recorded on closed circuit television and then played back so that the speakers can see how they look to others. "Television is okay, I guess," said Dora Hebert, general clerk in Accounting Services in Beaumont. "I'm not afraid of the 'Peeping Tom.' But I think it does disturb a lot of others. Once I get going, though, I'm like a radio that needs turning off. I think the method of training is great."

Of course, the CONTACT leaders are not expected to become totally proficient on a subject such as nuclear power for generation in a three-day period. But Reddy Communications tries to do just that. Other than lunch and coffee breaks, there is



little free time and a lot of note taking and advance preparation are in evidence throughout the training period.

The training procedure calls for dividing the participants into two groups with Huskey, Beaty and Scheibal splitting their time in simultaneous sessions. At the end of the three days the leaders may not be able to debate with a Ralph Nader, but they can more than hold their own with the general public and with employees who have not had the opportunity to study all aspects of the issue.

Linda Narcisse, stenographer in Baton Rouge, summed it up well when she said, "I learned a lot and feel more confident about it. I guess I'm ready."

And Charles Glass, vice president-customer relations, who presented diplomas to the group on "graduation day," summed it up aptly when he said, "When I came into the room I got the immediate feeling that here was a group interested in doing an outstanding job of helping others get a better understanding of what this company is all about."



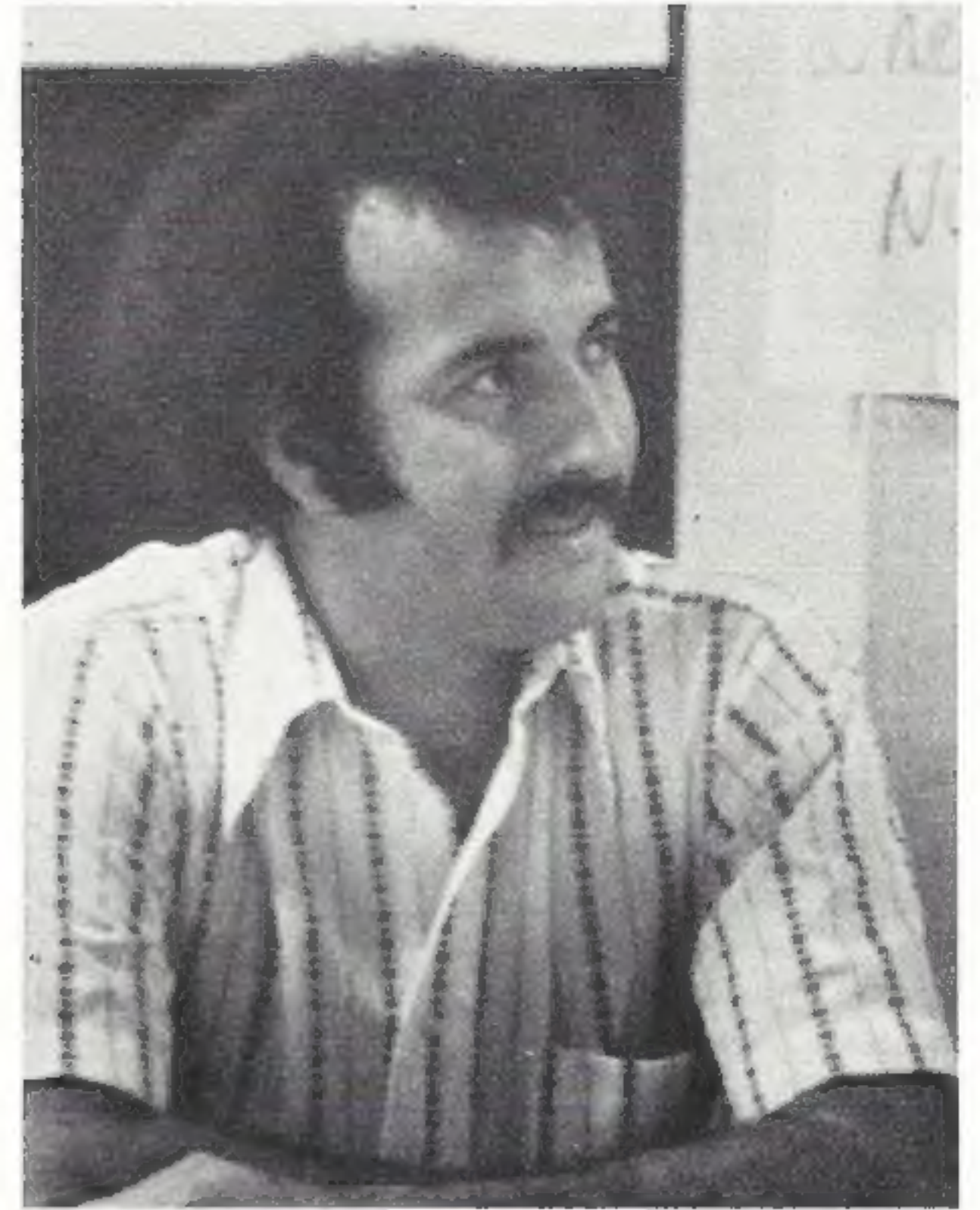


Murray Greer, Del Vavasseur and Stan Pollins.

# CONTACTers

... in work session

Ed Brawner



Ray Beaty grades the speakers.

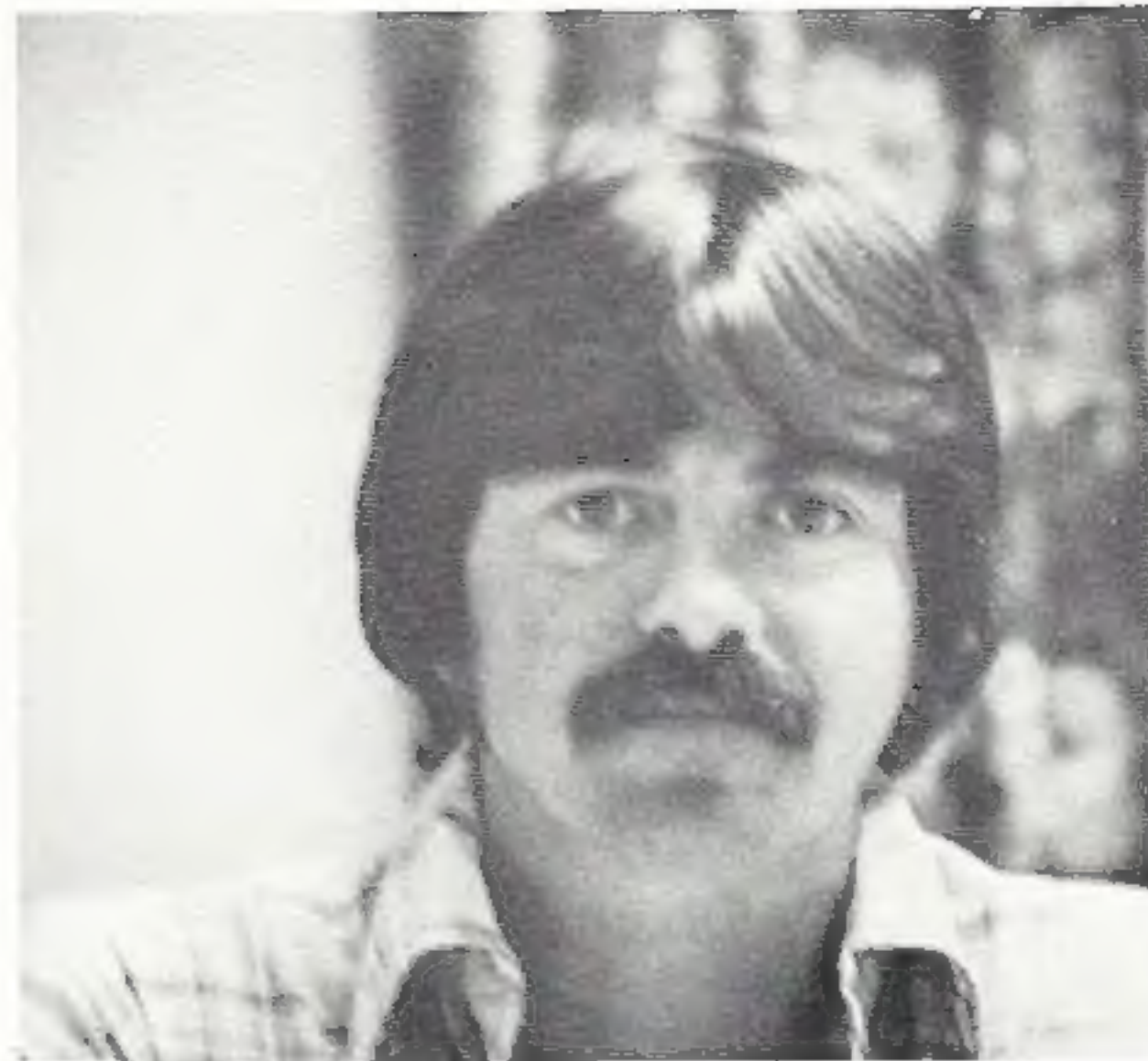
Ken Huskey discusses presentation.







**Jackie Hughes**



**Ronnie Hunt**



**John Watlington**

**Maxine Glenn**



**Sue Williams**



**Kirk Abshire**



# The Neeb Knife



In the exclusive world of the sportsman, the hunting knife is an important a tool as anything he carries with him.

To Steve Neeb, the hunting knife represents a hunt in itself. The hunt for the perfect blade, the cutting edge that will not fail, a quality instrument that ranks with the best in the world, are the goals Neeb seeks to attain within the confines of a small workshop in Port Neches, Texas. Neeb makes knives. No, on second thought, that's not quite right. Anyone can make a knife, Neeb creates master cutting implements that only look like knives.

Neeb, equipment operator at Neches Station near Beaumont, is not in the business of mass producing hunting knives. In fact the idea of a store bought knife completely turns him off. "There are a few truly fine hunting knives on the market," said Neeb. "And a man can spend up to \$3000 on a high quality knife that may last him a lifetime. But it's not a Neeb knife, and chances are that it's not totally hand made. Mine are."

It may sound boastful of

Neeb to compare his knives to the best that are made by such companies as Buck, Gerber and Randell, but spend a few minutes with the man and you know that it's not boasting you hear, it's determination matched by an equal amount of intelligence and talent. The man knows what he's talking about.

Now wait a minute. Before you rush over to Neeb's house to buy one of his creations you had best be aware of several things. Neeb doesn't make



many knives in a year. He's very serious about his hobby and will not be rushed into making a knife. "Each knife I make, I make for me. I want it for me and I want it to be as perfect as I can make it. I started this hobby to see if I could construct the very best knife ever made, a knife that I could sharpen once and never have to sharpen again. One that would retain its quality throughout my lifetime and never fail me."

Neeb estimates that he spends about 60-70 hours on each knife. Each knife has just a little more knowledge, a little more

workmanship of the Neeb knife are the best money can buy. The knife handles are made by Neeb from Brazilian Ironwood, India Stag, Sambar Stag and other exotic materials. "I used to use ivory sometimes, but now you can't buy ivory at any price." The blades are forged by Neeb using planer steel and A2 Dye Tool steel, both high carbon steel. "I lose flexibility with this steel, but it holds a much finer edge and is tremendously strong."

Neeb began his hobby some seven years ago, about the time he was employed by Gulf States.

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**"My goal is to build the ultimate hunting knife. One that I can sharpen and never sharpen again. One that will not fail me."**

**Steve Neeb**

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technique, perhaps a new design as Neeb strives for that "ultimate knife of his dreams." That's the main reason Neeb has never advertised his knives. "I don't want to be in the position where I have to make so many knives to fill an order. My hobby would become a business then, and it just wouldn't be any fun. Now I can concentrate on one knife, take my time, put as much quality into it as I am capable of doing and know that, at the end, that particular knife can stand with any knife in the world."

The Neeb knife does not come cheap. But then the material and the

"The first knife I made took me six months." Neeb, by his own admission, is not a patient man. He works on a knife only as long as it suits him. "I might work for a half-hour, or I might spend 12 hours a day on it in my off time. It's just a matter of how I feel at that particular time."

Many of Neeb's knives were given away as gifts to friends. Many have been sold as Christmas gifts or gifts for retirement parties and so on. "But people have got to realize that when they want to buy a knife from me, I tell them from the start that I don't really know when the knife will

be done. I don't know myself."

As for his dream of that ultimate blade, Neeb philosophically admits that he hopes he never finds it. "If I ever did build the perfect knife, the knife that I could examine and find nothing at all to improve on, then I guess, I'd really be rather sad."

Until that time, Neeb keeps on searching for ways to improve on an already remarkable cutting instrument. An artist in every sense of the word, Neeb works his magic through steel and



bone possessed, as all artisans are, to accomplish something that stands alone, unchallenged, as the best ever made.



# GSU NEWS

## Crawford Points Finger To Primary Energy Concerns

In the October issue of the magazine "Government Executive", Don Crawford, a newly elected member of Gulf States Utilities Company's board of directors, and the man expected to be GSU's next chief executive officer, authors an article that emphasizes that there is no shortage of energy, as such, and that the real shortage is in certain fossil fuels, net technology, foreseeable generating capacity, money to expand the necessary generating capacity and time.

To the "shortage" laundry list he could have added "public understanding of the above."

Crawford is president of the Edison Electric Institute, the principal trade association of the several hundred investor-owned electric utility companies, such as Gulf States. A nuclear engineer by training and experience in the U. S. Navy, knowledgeable in financial and regulatory circles through his years with Consolidated Edison in New York, and aware of the vagaries of governmental affairs after eight years of directing EEI, Crawford is qualified to speak out on the energy issues.

In the article Crawford points out in crystal clear language that the U. S. is not approaching the impending fuel shortage as a problem but is debating it as an issue in government circles.

Conservation, the focal thrust of the national energy plan proposed by the President is not the long-term solution, he says, but is merely a hedge against the inevitable depletion of natural gas and oil

and, as such, is necessary.

Money shortage is an acute problem, Crawford points out, because of the enormous sums needed to build new generating facilities requiring new technologies — nuclear plants and the environmental protection measures that go with our other available fuel-coal.

On the nuclear issue, the Administration has shown wisdom in advocating standardized facilities and shorter siting and licensing periods. But on the negative side of the coin, the President has vetoed the funding necessary to continue work on the fast breeder experimental project which would extend our nuclear fissionable resources hundreds of years. Other countries, meanwhile, are proceeding with fast breeders, taking this nuclear leadership away from the U. S.

Coal, the country's most abundant fuel, would be made more difficult to mine and burn, and therefore more expensive, under the recently signed bill known as the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977.

Crawford made clear that the energy problem is enormous, but essentially quite simple — the nation (and world) is running out of gas and oil and hasn't developed any technology really new that can completely take their place. And policy should begin right there — not with debate but with positive action, such as was undertaken when the U. S. decided to put a man on the moon in 10 years time.

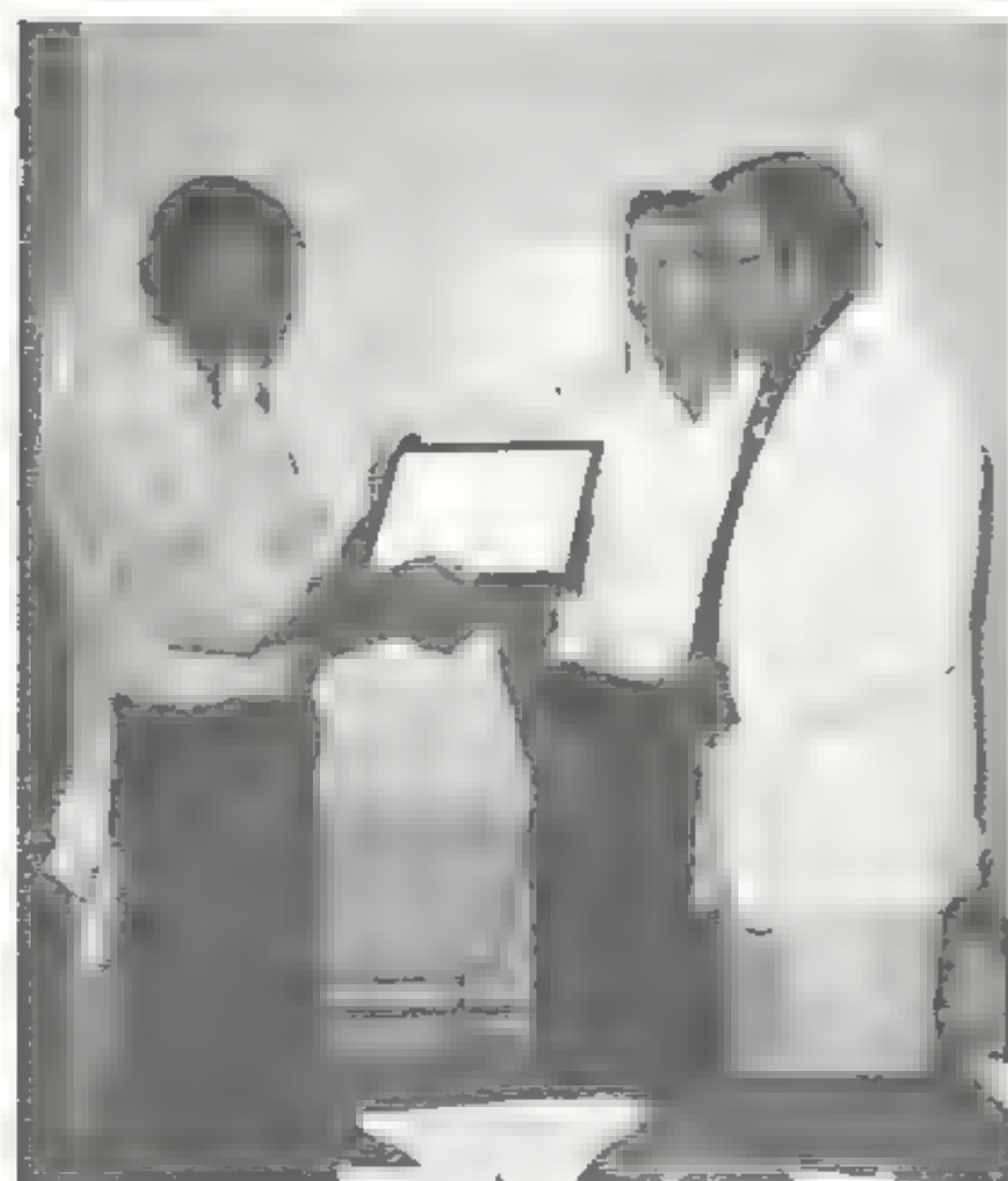


**WELL DESERVED**—Don Parker, Supervisor of Credit & Collections in the Port Arthur Accounting Department, was presented a desk set in recognition of being named outstanding credit executive of the year. Don is past president of the Credit Management Association.



**CONGRATULATIONS**—John Lamm, Lafayette superintendent, stands between Bill Thomasee and Tom Arabie at a party celebrating their promotions to foremen. Lots of friends and co-workers were on hand to wish them well.

**PHASE II**—Russell Lobdell, Willow Glen Station, receives his certification as the first Production Department employee to complete Phase II, Power Plant Operations course. Jack Worthy, right, Baton Rouge Division vice president, and Jim Cryer, center, training representative, presented Lobdell his diploma.



### Retiree Dies

Vernon L. Holland, retired mechanical maintenance foreman at Neches Station in Beaumont, died Sept. 26.

Holland had been retired since July, 1976, after a career with the Company which spanned 38 years. He was a native of St. Francois County, Mo.

Holland is survived by his wife, Essie, and a daughter, Mrs. Sylvie Reuwer of Katy, Tx. Holland had three grandchildren, Michael, Charlotte and William "Bill."



## Management Training



**COMPLETES COURSE**—Tom Page, executive vice president, congratulates Charles Saunders, meter foreman, Beaumont Division, on successful completion of the Management Training Program designed for foreman and supervisors. The week long course was taught throughout the system with 419 graduates through October.

## THRIFT PLAN

Purchases of Gulf States Utilities Company stock made by the Trustee during October, 1977 covering employee deductions and Company contributions through September 1977 were as follows:

Type of Stock	Number of Shares	Total Cost	Average Cost per Share
Common	21,558	\$293,727.78	\$13.625
\$4.40 Preferred	120	6,636.60	\$55.305

The Trustee deposited \$135,538.46 with the Savings Department of the First Security National Bank.

### ENERGY AWARENESS

## Area Scouts Join Company In Campaign

Boy Scouts from throughout the GSU system have joined with Company energy personnel to launch an awareness program designed to familiarize the public about energy, and energy efficiency.

The Scouts are literally going from door to door in the major cities handing out Project Conserve literature and computer questionnaires for home owners to fill out. The forms are then fed into a computer which analyzes the answers and comes back with ways and means, along with costs figures, on how each individual home can be upgraded, if necessary, for greater thermal efficiency. The Scouts themselves are not just couriers, but are actively engaged themselves in learning all they can.

Energy Merit Badges have been initiated by BSA with encouragement to earn the badges through a comprehensive study and investigative program. Actual energy projects such as building solar energy boxes, writing essays, clipping energy articles from newspapers and generally showing an understanding of energy and the world situation, are all parts of earning the awards.

Meetings have been held at various GSU offices with the Scouts, their leaders and Company personnel. The Calcasieu Area Council and Three Rivers Council of southeast Texas have been actively engaged in this project for approximately a month with very good success.

All home owners are being urged to cooperate with the Scouts and to fill out the forms which the Scouts distribute.



# CONTACT: Questions & Answers

**Q. Why doesn't GSU maintain its own plants and keep contractors out?**

**A.** As previously explained, contractors who are specialists, and who are needed only for special tasks and only temporarily, are more economical than maintaining a large group of specialists full time.

**Q. How do prices of building today's generating units compare to those of 20 or 30 years ago?**

**A.** Twenty or thirty years, we could build a gas-fired generating unit for much less than \$100 a kilowatt of installed capability. Today, a coal unit costs about \$800 a kilowatt and a nuclear unit costs over \$1,000 a kilowatt.

**Q. What is Neches Station's profit from the power it sells?**

**A.** Neches Station is one of six interconnected GSU power plants. The power produced flows into the system grid and is sold to all classifications of customers, along with the power from the other five stations. In 1976, Neches Station's output was 2,223,539,000 kilowatt hours.

**Q. Does our credit rating drop every time GSU has to borrow?**

**A.** Not necessarily. If the company's annual earnings times annual interest on debt is over three times, the company's AA rating will remain sound. But, if we had to borrow money now, with our coverage under three times, we'd be derated. That's why we need rate increases to get earnings up and return our coverage ratio to its former position.

**Q. What constitutes most of GSU's construction expenses?**

**A.** Power plant construction, by far.

**Q. Will we get any of the Alaskan oil in place of Arabian oil?**

**A.** Latest reports indicate that some Alaskan oil will be transported to ports on the Gulf of Mexico. We will probably receive some fuel oil that originated as crude oil in Alaska, but it will not be distinguishable from similar oil from other sources.

**Q. What does the Federal Power Commission (FPC) have to do with rates?**

**A.** FPC regulates rates charged by companies like Gulf States to wholesale customers such as rural electric cooperatives and city municipal systems.

**Q. Does the Public Utility Commission of Texas regulate any other utilities other than electric utilities?**

**A.** Yes. The Commission has jurisdiction over water, telephone and sewage utilities, but not over gas utilities which are under the Railroad Commission.

## GULF STATES UTILITIES COMPANY EMPLOYEE CONTACT LEADERS

Kirk Abshire

Equipment Operator - Sabine Station - Port Arthur

Ed Brawner

Engineering Assistant - Downtown & S. Center - Lake Charles

Wayne Broussard  
Joe Budd

Storekeeper - Orange  
Senior Engineering Assistant - System - Beaumont

Bob Dawson

Serviceman - Gas Department - Baton Rouge

Maxine Glenn

General Clerk - System - Beaumont

Murray Greer

Test Technician - Louisiana Station - Baton Rouge

George Hapes

Communications Serviceman 1st Class - Conroe

Clovis Harris

Master Test Technician - Sabine Station - Port Arthur

Dora Hebert

General Clerk - Accounting Services - Beaumont

Lee Hickman  
Wilhe Hoffart  
Jackie Hughes

Lineman - T&D - Beaumont  
Serviceman - Conroe  
Clerk - Customer Accounting - Beaumont

Ronnie Hunt  
Earl Landry

Serviceman - Baton Rouge  
Repairman - Neches Station - Beaumont

John Landry

Master Repairman - Nelson Station - Lake Charles

Paul Lane

Engineering Assistant - T&D - Beaumont

Linda Narcisse

Stenographer - North Boulevard - Baton Rouge

Nancy Nesbitt  
Stanley Pollins

General Clerk - Beaumont  
T&D - Government St. - Baton Rouge

Betty Raines

Departmental Clerk - Records Management - Beaumont

Don Ramsey  
Del Vavasseur  
John Watlington

Meterman - Port Arthur  
Local Office Clerk - Port Allen  
Test Technician - Willow

Johnnie Williams  
Sue Williams

Glenn Station - Baton Rouge  
Serviceman - Silsbee  
Consumer Service Representative - Port Arthur



# LIVE WIRES' HALLOWEEN BASH



**FAMILY PORTRAIT**—Spooks and goblins of all descriptions were on hand for the first annual Live Wires Halloween Party Oct. 31. About 30 of the little creatures turned out for the fun and games, to help make all the work done by the party committee worth while.



**BEST COSTUMES** — Mike Bibby hands out the prizes for the best costumes. The scarecrow is Maryann McMeel, and under the mushroom is Helena Gerstenberg.



**BAD GUYS**—Kent Dubose, left, and Gene Russell ran the Spook House and did their jobs almost too well. After the first couple of screams some of the young goblins decided they would pass. Kent laid around in a coffin, and Gene told ghost stories over a bubbling pot of brew.



# PEOPLE ON THE MOVE



Smith



Hiter



Sullins

**Jimmie Smith**, general maintenance supervisor at Neches Station, has been promoted to superintendent.

Smith, a native of Dallas, has been with the company for more than 25 years. He came to Neches Station in 1974, when he transferred from Louisiana Station.

He is a 1945 graduate of Istrouma High School in Baton Rouge and also attended Louisiana State University. Smith served in the Navy for two years. He is presently a member of the Advisory Board to Lamar University, College of Technical Arts, Beaumont.

His wife is the former Mae Babin of Baton Rouge. They have one daughter, Mrs. Cheryl Smith, who lives in Baton Rouge, and one son, Richard, living in Hammond, Louisiana.



Moses



McCrosky



Hamilton

**Kenneth C. Gerstenberg**, application engineer, Engineering Standards and Applications, has been transferred to the Transmission and Distribution Department, Beaumont, and promoted to division engineer.

Gerstenberg, a Belton, Tex., native, joined the firm in 1958 as an engineer. Later that year he was assigned to System Engineering in Beaumont. For the first half in 1959, Gerstenberg served in the Air Force Reserve, then returned in July of that year to System Engineering.

In 1963, he became an industrial engineer in Division Marketing. In 1967, he was named an engineer in T&D and three years later he was named applications engineer.

A 1958 graduate of Texas A&M University, Gerstenberg received his degree in electrical engineering. He is a member of the National Fire Protective Association and the Southeastern Electric Exchange, National Electrical Safety Code Section.

Gerstenberg's wife is the former Vera Wilkinson of Sulphur, La. They have six children: Dennis, 18; David, 18; Mark, 16; Helena, 12; Paul, 10; and Regina.



Young



Boudreaux



Domino

**Gilbert "Wayne" Hiter**, supervisor of Industrial Marketing, Baton Rouge Division, has been transferred to the Transmission and Distribution Engineering Department, Baton Rouge, as division engineer.

The El Dorado, Arkansas, native began his career with the company in 1959 as an engineer in Beaumont. In 1960 he was transferred to Navasota, also as an engineer. Hiter became an industrial engineer, Division Marketing, in Port Arthur the following year.

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In 1969, he was transferred to Baton Rouge and became supervisor, Industrial and Commercial Sales, Division Marketing.

A 1956 graduate of the University of Southwestern Louisiana, Hiter is an Air Force veteran, serving from 1956 to 1959.

**Wallace "Wayne" Sullins**, division engineer, Transmission and Distribution Department, Beaumont, has been promoted to operating supervisor.

The Calvin, Okla., native joined the company in 1957 as an engineer. In 1958 he was assigned to T&D as an engineer and in 1960 became project engineer in System Engineering.

In 1961 Sullins was named industrial engineer in Division Marketing and in 1970 he became an industrial engineer in System Marketing. He became director of industrial development the following year. In 1976 he was named to his former position as division engineer.

A graduate in electrical engineering from Oklahoma State University in 1957, Sullins served two years in the Army.

His wife is the former Betty E. White of Cushing, Okla., and the couple has four children: Renee, 21; Rhonda, 19; Danny, 12; and David, 9. The family attends the First Baptist Church of Beaumont.

**Mary J. Moses**, rate analyst, Rate Department, Beaumont, has been transferred to the Industrial Area Development section of the System Marketing Department and promoted to coordinator, Industrial Services.

The Hope, Arkansas, native, who likes to be called "Judy," began with Gulf States as a rate aide, in Beaumont in 1958. She was named rate assistant in 1964 and rate analyst in 1973.

A graduate of Hope High School, Miss Moses attended Louisiana Tech University and received her degree in accounting. She is active in the Calder Baptist Church of Beaumont and is presently serving as general Sunday school superintendent.

**Thomas K. McCrosky**, lineman first class, Transmission and Distribution Department, Lake Charles, has been promoted to utility foreman.

McCrosky, a 25-year veteran with the company, started as a helper, T&D, in Lake Charles. He went from apprentice to lineman first class over a four-year period from 1954 to 1958. In 1973, he became a substation mechanic first class.

He is a native of Lake Charles and a graduate of Lake Charles High School.

**Michael W. Judice**, serviceman first class, Port Arthur, has been transferred to the Personnel Services Department in Beaumont and promoted to training representative.

Judice, a Port Arthur native, began with the company in 1971 as a helper, Transmission and Distribution, Port Arthur. He became an apprentice in 1973, a lineman fourth class in 1974, and serviceman fourth class that same year. He progressed to lineman second class in 1976 and later to serviceman second class.

He is a graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School of Port Arthur. He attended Lamar University in Beaumont for two years. He had three years active duty in the Army as a helicopter pilot.

Judice is married to the former Linda D. Eldimere of Port Arthur. They have one child, Michael T. Judice, age 2.

**John A. Startz**, financial analyst in the Financial Services Department, has been transferred to the Power Plant Engineering and Design Department and promoted to staff administrator

Startz, who joined the company in 1975 as a financial analyst, is a Tulsa, Okla., native. He received his B.S. degree in zoology from the University of Oklahoma in 1972 and his M. B. A. degree, from Oklahoma, in 1975.

Startz is married to the former Linda L. Elsing of McAlester, Okla. He is active in the Beaumont Slow Pitch Softball League and was floor captain for the United Appeal in 1976.

**James C. Milton** has been transferred from the Power Plant Construction Department to the System Operations Department and promoted to staff engineer.

The Columbus, Miss. native started with Gulf States in 1969 as an engineer in the Beaumont Transmission and Distribution Department. In 1974 he became an engineer in System Engineering, engineering design section. He was named to his former position in February, 1977.

Milton is a 1964 graduate of Peabody High School in Trenton, Tenn., and received his B. S. degree in electrical engineering from Mississippi State University in 1969.

He is a registered professional engineer in Texas and a member of One-in-One Hundred Gun Club.

Chargois, Wallace, Bmt, to Reprmn 2/C - Neches Sta-Mech

Prescott, John, Bmt, to Master Reprmn - Neches Sta-Mech

Ketcherside, Benjamin W., Bmt, to 2nd Fireman - Neches Sta-Operns

McLaughlin, Larry W., Bmt, to Equip Oper - Neches Sta-Operns

Lovett, John W., Bmt, to Oper Helper - Neches Sta-Operns

Jones, Paul L., Bmt, to Master Test Tech - Neches Sta-Test

Brumley, Ivy J., Bmt, to Helper-T&D - Sys Operns-B&G

Edmisten, Gary L., Bmt, to Engr Asst - Sys Operns-Bldg Des

Scott, Mildred S., Bmt, to Steonorgapher - Mat Svs/Overall

Renfro, Charlesella A., Bmt, to Stenographer - Tech Servs

Helms, Larry D., Bmt, to Lineman 2/C - T&D/Line

Toups, Jerry E., Orange, to Apprentice-T&D/Line

Davis, Howard G., Dayton, to Apprentice-T&D/Line

Faires, Ethel W., Pt Arth, to Test Tech 2/C - Sab Sta-Test

Noland, Larry D., Pt Arth, to Reprmn 1/C - Sab Sta-Mech

Bouillion, Lynn F., Pt Arth, to Master Reprmn - Sab Sta-Mech

Rice, George D., Pt Arth, to Lineman 4/C - T&D/Line

Williams, Willie H., Pt. Arth, to Lineman 4/C - T&D Line

Patino, Alan A., Pt Arth, to Apprentice-T&D/Line

Rutherford, D. W., Conroe, to Master Test Tech-Lewis Creek

Jones, Clifford E., Conroe, to Electrician 2/C - Lewis Creek-Elect

Watson, Warren W., Conroe, to Lineman 2/C - T&D/Line

Pollis, Wayne A., Huntsvl, to Truckdriver-T&D/Line

Speeg, Albert D., B Rouge, to Mech Helper - W/Glen-Test

Ford, Walter R., B Rouge, to Mech Helper - La Sta-Mech

Parker, Cary S., B Rouge, to Turbine-Water Plant Oper - La St-Operns

Smith, Philemon G., B Rouge, to 2nd Fireman - La Sta-Operns

Buschmihle, Howard E., B Rouge, to Meterman 1/C - Gas Dept-Meter

Kador, Christopher C., B Rouge, to Lineman 4/C - T&D/Line

Dornier, James H., Jr., B Rouge, to Storekeeper - Div Actg/Stores

Smith, Mary P., B Rouge, to Stenographer-Sr -Div Mktg/Ind

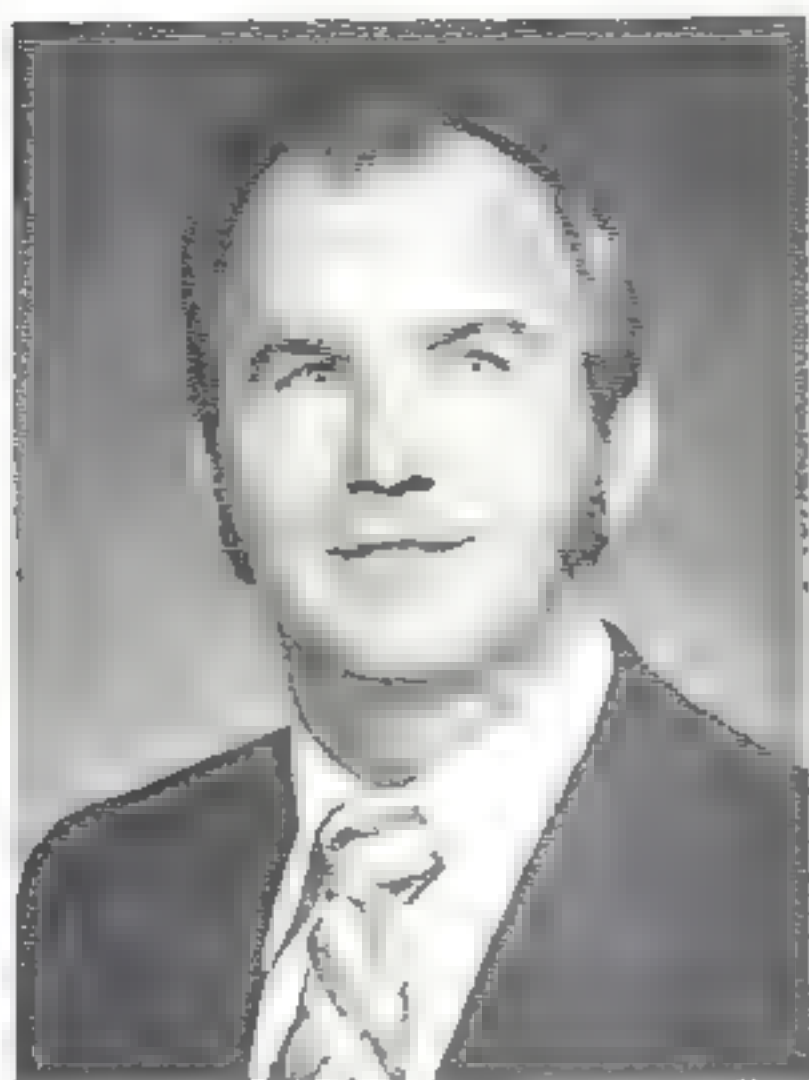
Coleman, Danny V., Sulphur, to Lineman 4/C - T&D/Line



# PEOPLE ON THE MOVE



Henry



Allen



McKenzie

Ronald M. Ciesiel, engineer in Engineering Standards and Applications, has been transferred to transmission planning, System Engineering Department.

Ciesiel started with the company in 1974 as an engineer, T&D engineering, in Conroe. Then in 1976 he was transferred to Beaumont to his former position. He is a native of Queens, New York.

He attended Sewanhaka High School in Floral Park, New York, and graduated from Georgia Tech in 1974 with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. While at Georgia Tech, he was a member of Phi Kappa Theta fraternity.

Noel D. Risener, engineering assistant, has been promoted to nuclear staff assistant.

The Key West, Fla., native came to Gulf States in 1976, in his former position of engineering assistant. He is a graduate of Stark High School in Orange, and received his bachelor of arts degree from Rice University in 1970.

Risener is presently living in Beaumont.

James T. Huddleston, senior engineering assistant in Beaumont, has been promoted to nuclear staff assistant.

Huddleston, who was born in Livingston, Tenn., began with the firm in March of this year in the senior engineering post. He attended Livingston Academy High School and the University of Tennessee. He also served eight years in the Navy.

Huddleston is married to the former Jennine DeVoe of Battle Creek, Michigan. They have two children: Sheri, 5; and Charlie, 3.

Sydney H. Rees, stenographer-financial services, Beaumont, has been promoted to investor relations representative.

Rees, a native of Silsbee, began with Gulf States in 1976 as a stenographer. She received her business degree from Lamar University in 1973. She became a certified professional secretary in 1977.

Samuel A. McKenzie, section head, Louisiana Station, has been transferred to Nuclear Records, General Services Department, River Bend Station and promoted to coordinator, nuclear records.

"Sammie," as he likes to be called, is a Baton Rouge native. He started with the company in 1938 as an office boy and clerk in the Baton Rouge Accounting Department. In 1940 he became a billing operator and the following year was made payroll clerk.



Sellars



Havens



Rees



Milton



Ciesiel



Sam McKenzie



Conn



In 1948 he became station clerk in Division Production at Louisiana Station. The next year he was named senior departmental clerk. In 1962, he became section head.

McKenzie, a graduate of Baton Rouge High School, served in the Air Force during World War II. He is presently a member of the Public Relations Committee of the East Baton Rouge Recreation and Parks Commission, as well as a member of the American Legion and secretary of the Kilowatt Klub.

**Sandra W. Conn**, senior stenographer-office services, General Services Department, Beaumont, has been promoted to section head in the stenographic section.

Conn began as a stenographer in 1969 with Gulf States, in the Beaumont Stenographic Department. In 1970 she became a stenographer in accounting services and then was made senior stenographer in 1972.

Conn, a native of Groves, attended Port Neches-Groves High School. She also attended the Durham Business School for two years and Lamar University for one year.

**Donald E. Hamilton**, director-operations support, River Bend Project, has been transferred to the System Production Department and named director-production planning.

Hamilton, born in Texarkana, Tex., began with the company in 1963 as an engineering helper in Beaumont. The following year, he became an engineering assistant and in 1968 was named a senior engineering assistant.

Hamilton became a senior engineering assistant in System Production in 1969 and later that same year was made an engineer. 1972 saw him become general maintenance supervisor, Division Production, Sabine Station.

After graduating from Texarkana High School, Hamilton attended Texarkana Junior College, then received his bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Lamar University in 1969.

Hamilton is married to the former Mary J. Thomas of Texarkana. They have five children: Donna, 17; Pamela, 16; Jody, 13; Angela, 11; and Chris, 4.

**Joseph F. Domino**, systems engineer, System Production, has been transferred to Neches Station and promoted to maintenance engineer.

Born to New Orleans, Domino began as an engineer in System Engineering planning in Beaumont in 1970. In 1972 he became an engineer in Transmission and Distribution and in 1975 he was made an engineer in system production.

Domino holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Louisiana State University and a master's degree in engineering science from Lamar University.

He is past president and past secretary of the Beaumont Lion's Club, a registered professional engineer in Louisiana and Texas and a member of the Louisiana Engineering Society.

His wife is the former Linda Lombardo of Franklin, Louisiana. They have one child, Frank, 3.

**Harry J. Henry**, lineman first class, Transmission and Distribution Department in Sulphur, has been promoted to utility foreman.

Henry began with the company in 1954 as a helper, T&D-Line, Lake Charles. Two years later he was an apprentice and in 1957 became a lineman fourth class. He worked his way to lineman first class by 1960.

He became a lineman first class in Sulphur in 1968 and a serviceman first class in 1974. He is a native of Sulphur.

Henry is a graduate of Sulphur High School and is married to the former Rose Ann Guidry of Opelousas. They have four children: Ronald, 20; Randy, 17; Rebecca, 16; and Rhonda, 15.

The Henrys are very active members of the Louisiana Foster Parent Organization, serving as foster parents for 12 children over the past three years.

**Robert L. Sellars**, control operations foreman, Sabine Station, has been promoted to operations coordinator at the plant.

Sellars joined the company as an operator's helper at the old Riverside Station in Port Arthur. He came to Sabine Station as a turbine operator in 1961 and worked his way to the position of second fireman. In 1964 he was made an equipment operator and in 1968 was promoted to control operations foreman.

Born in Boyce, La., Sellars graduated from Hackberry High School. He attended McNeese State University in Lake Charles and completed a two-year course in industrial electronics at Port Arthur College in Port Arthur. He was in the Army Medical Corps and served two years in Korea.

Sellars and his wife, the former Charlene Kellogg of Clay Center, Kan., live in Bridge City. They have a married daughter, Robin LeBlanc, and a daughter at home, Penny.

**Abston G. Perkins**, equipment operator, Sabine Station, has been promoted to control operations foreman.

Perkins, born in Beaumont, started with the company as an operator's helper in 1969 at Sabine Station. In 1970 he was named to his former position as control operations foreman.

After attending Beaumont's Charlton-Pollard High School, Perkins went to Lamar University and majored in drafting. He served three years as a paratrooper in the Army, including a year's service in Vietnam.

His wife is the former Thelma Smith and they have two daughters: Sophia, 10; and Cassandra, 7.

**Carl E. Heubach**, engineer, transmission planning, has been transferred to System Production and promoted to systems engineer.

Heubach, born in Beaumont, began with the company as an engineer in System Production in 1974. In 1976 he became an engineer in System Engineering-transmission planning.

He is a graduate of Port Neches-Groves High School and received his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Lamar University in 1971. In 1972 he received his master's degree, also in electrical engineering, from Texas A&M.

Heubach's wife is the former Jean A. Hughes of Groves. They have three children: Jessica, 7; Frederick, 4; and Benjamin, 2.

**James C. Daigle**, utility foreman-T&D, Lafayette, has been promoted to line foreman.

Daigle, a native of Algiers, La., joined the company in 1946 as a helper in the Lafayette T&D Line Department. For three years before that, during WW II, he served in the Marine Corps. He is an active member of the American Legion.

He is married to the former Verlie Judice of Judice Community, La. The couple has five children and the family attends St. Basile Catholic Church.



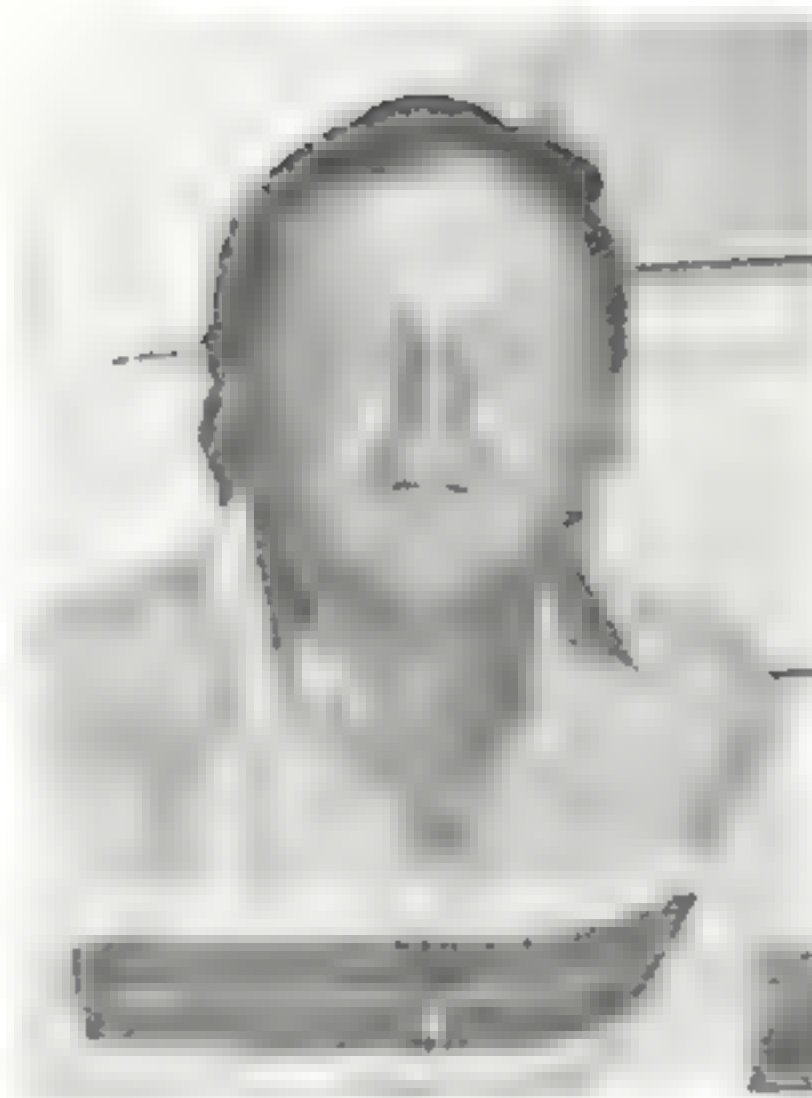
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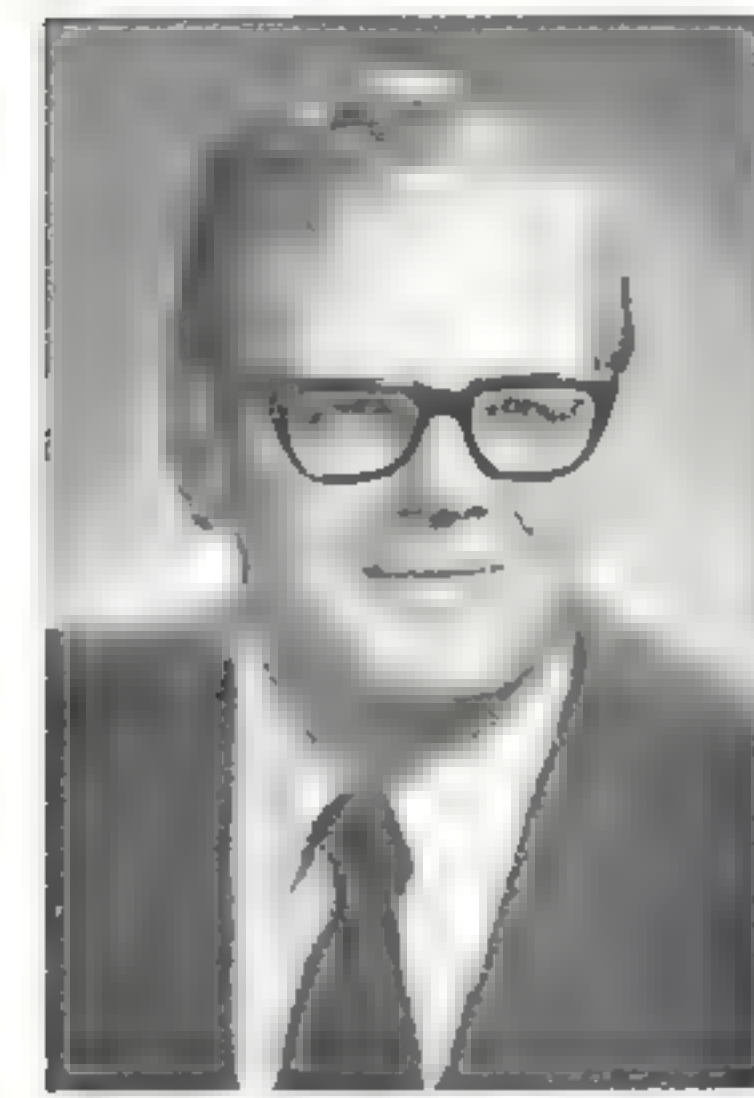
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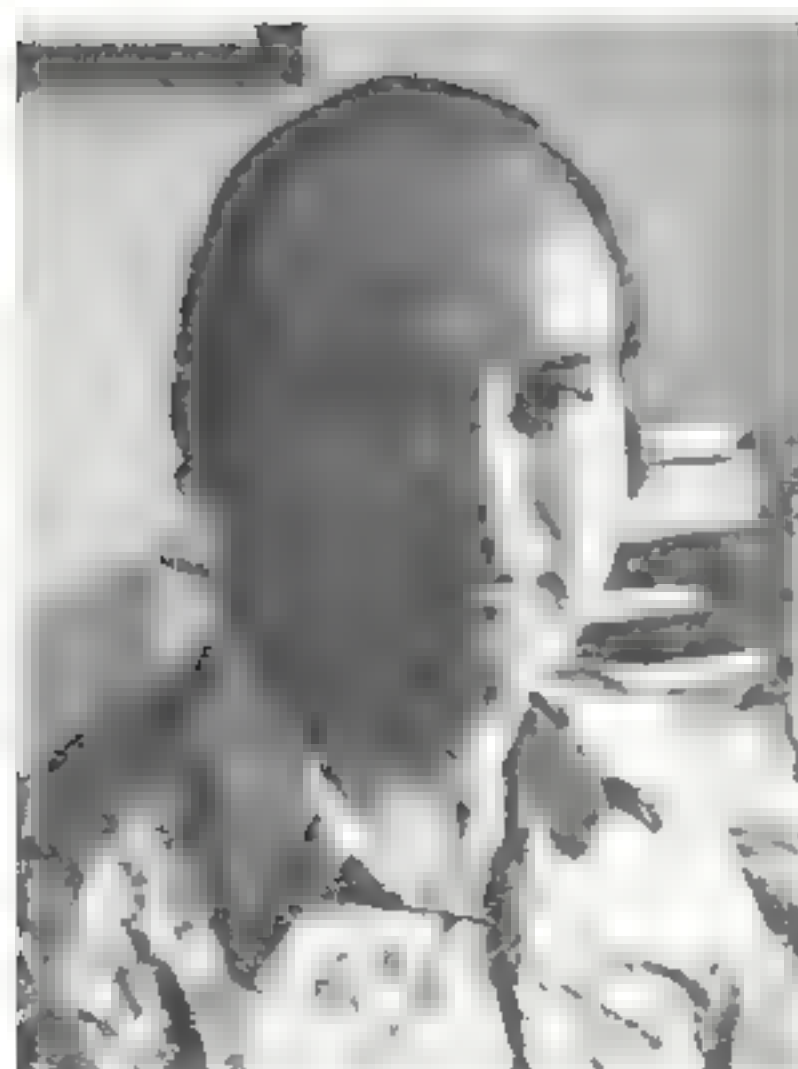
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Daigle

## Sorry, Brian

Brian Lytle, one and one-half year old son of Dewey Lytle, newly promoted operating supervisor in Baton Rouge, was left out the story about his father. Sorry about that Brian, we hope you forgive us.

John J. Scott has been transferred to the Energy Development Department and named cost analyst. He was formerly contract coordinator, Material Services Department.

A native of Castlebar, Ireland, Scott joined the company in 1954 as an accounting clerk. He became a confidential records clerk in 1955, and administrative assistant in 1958 and section supervisor in 1962.

Scott was named an internal auditor in 1964 and one year later became supervisor, Internal Audits. He was made director of Accounting Operations in 1969. Scott reached his former position of contract coordinator in 1976.

Scott attended high school in Ireland and took accounting courses by correspondence from the School of Accountancy in Glasgow, Scotland, and the Blennerhassets Institute of Accountancy in Sydney, Australia.

He is married to the former Mary Brennan of Ireland and the couple has two sons, John, 21, and Martin, 17. They attend St. Pius Catholic Church in Beaumont.

Active in civic affairs, Scott is a member of the Young Men's Business League, Knights of Columbus and the Beaumont Writers Club.



**Russell C. Thomasee**, serviceman first class-T&D, Lafayette, has been promoted to utility foreman.

Thomasee, born in Cecilia, La., began with the firm in 1960 as a helper in the Lafayette T&D Line Department. He was made apprentice in 1965, then worked his way to lineman first class by 1969. In 1969 he became serviceman first class.

He attended Cecilia High School and served 3½ years in the Air Force. Thomasee is a member of the St. Martin Parish Farm Bureau, the Port Breau Saddle Club and the Southern Trail Riders Association.

Thomasee is married to the former Gloria Patin of Breau Bridge. They have one daughter, Leslie, majoring in nursing at the University of Southwestern Louisiana and another daughter, Michelle, attending Breau Bridge Junior High.

**John E. Matejick**, quality assurance representative, Quality Assurance Department, River Bend Station, has been transferred to the design engineering-construction section of the Engineering Design Department as a civil engineer.

Matejick, born in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., joined Gulf States in 1975 as an engineer. In 1976, he was named to his former position of quality assurance representative.

He attended 71st High School in Fayetteville, North Carolina and received his bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Georgia Tech in 1975. At Georgia Tech, he was a member of Phi Kappa Theta fraternity and Chi Epsilon, honorary civil engineering fraternity.

Matejick is married to the former Theresa D. Ward of Atlanta, Ga.

**Robert E. Boenker**, utility foreman in Conroe, has been promoted to line foreman.

Boenker has been with the company since 1958, when he began as a helper, T&D-Line Department, Conroe. He progressed through apprentice and lineman classifications, becoming lineman first class in 1964. In 1970 he became serviceman first class, and in 1971 became utility foreman.

Boenker, who lives in Conroe, was born in Washington, Tex. He is a graduate of Navasota High School. He served in the U. S. Army from 1956-1958.

Boenker is married and has one daughter, Carol Ann, 18 months old.

**Thomas J. Arabie**, serviceman first class, T&D, Lafayette, has been promoted to utility foreman.

Arabie joined the company as a helper in

the Lafayette T&D-line department in 1959. From there he progressed to lineman first class in 1969. In 1974 he became a serviceman first class.

Arabie is a native of Church Point, La. He is a Navy veteran, serving from 1955-1959.

**Thomas P. Young**, industrial engineer, Division Marketing, Baton Rouge, has been promoted to supervisor, Industrial Services.

The Abilene, Tex., native began with Gulf States in 1967 in the position of industrial engineer in Baton Rouge. He is a graduate of Abilene High School and received a bachelor of science degree in industrial engineering from Texas A&M.

Young is vice-president of the Lakeshore Lions Club, a member of the Industrial Management Council, a member of the Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce and a state power representative of the Defense Electric Power Administration.

Young is married to the former Carol Crownover, also of Abilene. Both are active in the Broadmoor Presbyterian Church, he as an elder and she as director of the kindergarten.

The couple has three children: Jay, 16; Christine, 14; and Helen, 11.

**Vernon V. Boudreaux**, electrical design engineer, Power Plant Engineering and Design department, Beaumont, has been promoted to assistant project engineer.

Boudreaux began his career with Gulf States in Beaumont in 1957 as an engineer. The next year he was assigned as engineer to Transmission and Distribution in Lake Charles. Then in 1962 he returned to Beaumont as a project engineer in system engineering.

In 1966, Boudreaux was named an engineer in System Production and in 1969 he became a production engineer in construction. The following year he was named general maintenance supervisor at Louisiana Station in Baton Rouge. Then in 1973, he reached his former position of electrical design engineer in Beaumont.

Boudreaux, a native of Erath, attended Castle Heights Military Academy, then received his bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Louisiana State University. He also served four years in the Air Force. He is a registered professional engineer in Louisiana and Texas.

Boudreaux is married to the former Dinah Reed of Silver Spring, Miss. They have four children: Lark, who is attending LSU; Susan and Claire, both going to Forest Park High School of Beaumont; and Christopher, presently in kindergarten.

**Joe R. Havens**, utility foreman, Lake Charles, has been promoted to line foreman.

A native of Singer, La., Havens has been with the firm since 1949. He is a graduate of Singer High and a six-year veteran of the Navy, serving from 1945-1949, then being recalled in 1950-1951.

He is married to the former Arlene Rider of Sioux City, Iowa. The couple has three children: Jo Ann, 19; Mrs. Janice Wilson, now living in Jackson, Louisiana; and Marshall, 22, a Vietnam veteran, who resides in DeQuincy, Louisiana.

**Ronald M. McKenzie**, staff engineer, System Operations, has been transferred to Sabine Station and promoted to maintenance engineer.

McKenzie began as an engineer, Transmission and Distribution, Lake Charles division, in 1967. In 1969 he came to Beaumont as a planning engineer in System Engineering. He became a labor relations coordinator in 1972, a division engineer in 1974, and a staff engineer in System Operations in 1976.

The Albany, Calif., native is a 1966 graduate of Oklahoma State University and a Navy veteran. He is on the Board of Directors for the Gulf States Live Wires Club and president of the Beaumont Northwest Lions Club.

McKenzie is married to the former Dana Smith of Oklahoma City.

**Omar K. Cassidy**, operating supervisor, Transmission and Distribution, Beaumont, has been transferred to the Power Plant Engineering and Design Department as engineer.

Before gaining his former position, Cassidy had been a supervisor-relay, T&D, Baton Rouge. A native of Singer, La., Cassidy received his bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Lamar University in 1966. He is a veteran of World War II, when he served as a pharmacist mate in the Navy.

His wife is the former Louise McBride of San Augustine. They have three children.

**Wayne L. Allen**, utility foreman at New Caney, has been promoted to line foreman.

Allen joined the company in 1956 as a helper in Cleveland, Tex. He progressed through various classifications until being named district serviceman at New Caney in 1966.

A native of Livingston, Tx., Allen is a graduate of Tarkington High School. He is a member of the New Caney Lions Club.

He is married to the former Glenda Snell of Romayor, Tex. They have one daughter, Mitzi, 11. The family attends Bethel Baptist Church in New Caney.



# 30 YEARS

# 20 YEARS



**Nathaniel P. Broussard**  
Electric T&D  
Lafayette



**Eunice E. Byrd**  
Electric T&D  
Lake Charles



**Thomas O. Adams**  
Electric T&D  
Beaumont



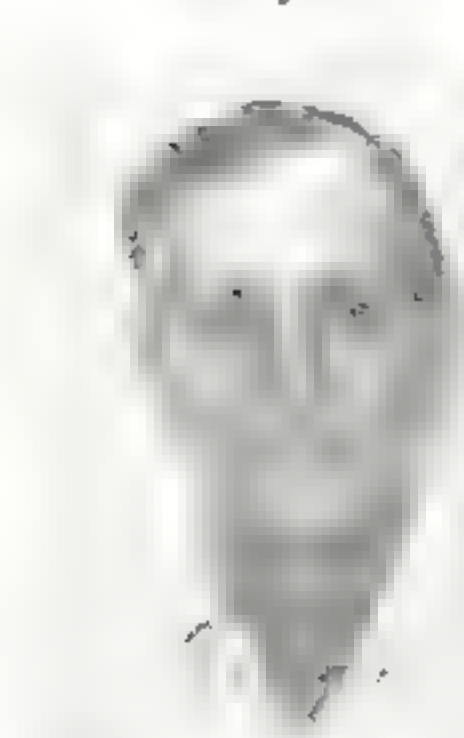
**Raymond L. Audilet**  
River Bend Project  
Beaumont



**Jesse M. Bellair**  
Electric T&D  
Port Arthur



**Thomas L. Broussard**  
Electric T&D  
Lafayette



**Sammie L. Eisworth**  
Electric T&D  
Baton Rouge



**Jimmie P. Forrest, Jr.**  
Electric T&D  
Lake Charles



**Louis D. Clarke**  
Electric T&D  
Lake Charles



**Harold E. Crisler**  
Gas  
Baton Rouge



**Armand H. Demers, Jr.**  
Electric T&D  
Baton Rouge



**George L. Irvin III**  
Division Accounting  
Baton Rouge



**Clayton J. Gray**  
Electric T&D  
Lake Charles



**Rose R. Johnson**  
Electric T&D  
Beaumont



**Barkley E. Lilley**  
Electric T&D  
Cleveland



**Wilson J. Meaux, Jr.**  
Electric T&D  
Lafayette



**Earl J. Miles**  
Division Accounting  
Denham Springs



**Willie J. Picard**  
Electric T&D  
Baton Rouge



**Eugene L. LeFloor**  
System Engineering Design  
Beaumont



**William L. Simpson**  
System Engineering Design  
Beaumont



**Jude L. Rabalais**  
Electric T&D  
Baton Rouge



**Lawrence N. Saltzman**  
Electric T&D  
Lake Charles



**Robert L. Stewart**  
Electric T&D  
Lake Charles



**Walter L. Sikes**  
Electric T&D  
Beaumont



**Harlan C. Stabler**  
Electric T&D  
Conroe



# SERVICE AWARDS

**10  
YEARS**



Mary B. Anderson  
Legal Services  
Beaumont



Larry J. Boyett  
Electric T&D  
New Caney



Raymond Brill, Jr.  
Electric T&D  
Conroe



Thomas L. Drodgy  
Electric T&D  
Port Arthur



Conrad J. Fuselier  
Electric T&D  
Lake Charles



Larry J. Heintze  
Electric T&D  
Baton Rouge



Jerry L. Landua  
Electric T&D  
New Caney



June W. McGuire  
Power Plant Engineering  
and Design  
Beaumont



Ronald M. McKenzie  
Div. Prod.  
Port Arthur



Robert L. Pace, Jr.  
Electric T&D  
Baton Rouge



Philip Roy, Jr.  
Electric T&D  
Beaumont



Lawrence Stevens  
Electric T&D  
Lake Charles



Michael D. Waller  
Electric T&D  
Baton Rouge



# COFFEE CUP

## Reporters

When you have any news or a story you think would be interesting to other Gulf Staters, contact the reporter nearest to you, or write or call the **PLAIN TALKS** editor, Pat McMeel, in Beaumont. Notify **PLAIN TALKS** reporters of any event that is happening in your area that the magazine should cover. A complete list of reporters and their locations is given below. If any persons named are no longer active reporters, please contact Pat McMeel. Persons wishing to become **PLAIN TALKS** reporters should also contact the editor. We can never have too many reporters.

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**GONZALES:** Billie Fortenberry.

**HUNTSVILLE:** Karen Morley.

**JENNINGS:** Earl Mayfield.

**LAFAYETTE:** Mona Burris.

**LAKE CHARLES:** Billie Belvin (Garage), Edith Patterson (T&D), Janet Followay.

**LA. STATION:** Marilyn Nicholson.

**LEWIS CREEK:** D. W. Rutherford.

**MADISONVILLE:** Jean Tinsley.

**NAVASOTA:** Betty Dickschat.

**NECHES STATION:** Terry Bond, Ed Foster.

**NELSON STATION:** Martha Caldwell.

**NEW CANEY:** Diana Winkelmann, Paul Mosley

**ORANGE:** Doris Womack.

**PORT ALLEN:** Adele Vavasseur.

**PORT ARTHUR:** Sue Williams, Lorraine Dunham (S.C.)

**SABINE STATION:** Darlene Faires, Fred Kressman.

**SOMERVILLE:** Mary Brock.

**SULPHUR:** Pearl Burnett.

**WILLOW GLEN:** Dora Landaiche, James Veatch.

**WOODVILLE:** Alene Cole.

**ZACHARY:** Myra Ponthier.



**LIVE WIRES PICNIC**—Approximately 350 Live Wires members and their families attended the annual Live Wires Club barbeque and picnic at the club grounds recently. As this line up will testify, it didn't take long to decide that it was time to test the cooking abilities of chief chef Gerald Dean. Dean was aided in the preparation by Bob Whaley, Georgeann LaGrappe, Kent Dubose and Sarah Hendrix. Mike Durham ran the games again this year with diplomatic skill, and Glenn Broussard headed up the serving line. Mickey Wilson, president of the club, expressed his appreciation to all who helped make this the success that it was.



**TOGETHERNESS**—This proud family poses for their first of many family portraits. Jim and Sandra Mott became parents for the first time with the birth of Janan Wileen in June. She checked in at eight pounds, eight ounces, and was nine weeks old when this photo was taken. Jim is a serviceman in Baton Rouge. (from Rhonda Cheek)





**LONG TIME BUDDIES**—Joe Brown, left, maintenance foreman at Sabine Station, shows off a nice string of walleye pike he and his long time friend, Gran Grant, caught while fishing in Minnesota. Brown and Grant, friends since their days in the Marine Corps together during World War II, got together again with their families at Grant's summer home on Crane Lake, Minn. The fishing was fine, the temperature cool, and the fish delicious. (from Darlene Faries)



**HOMEcoming QUEEN**—Pretty Terri Borel, 16-year old daughter of Vivian and Doug Blevins, was crowned 1977 Homecoming Queen at Orangefield High School. Blevins, a serviceman in Orange, said Terri is a junior, and a member of the high school band. (from Doris Womack)

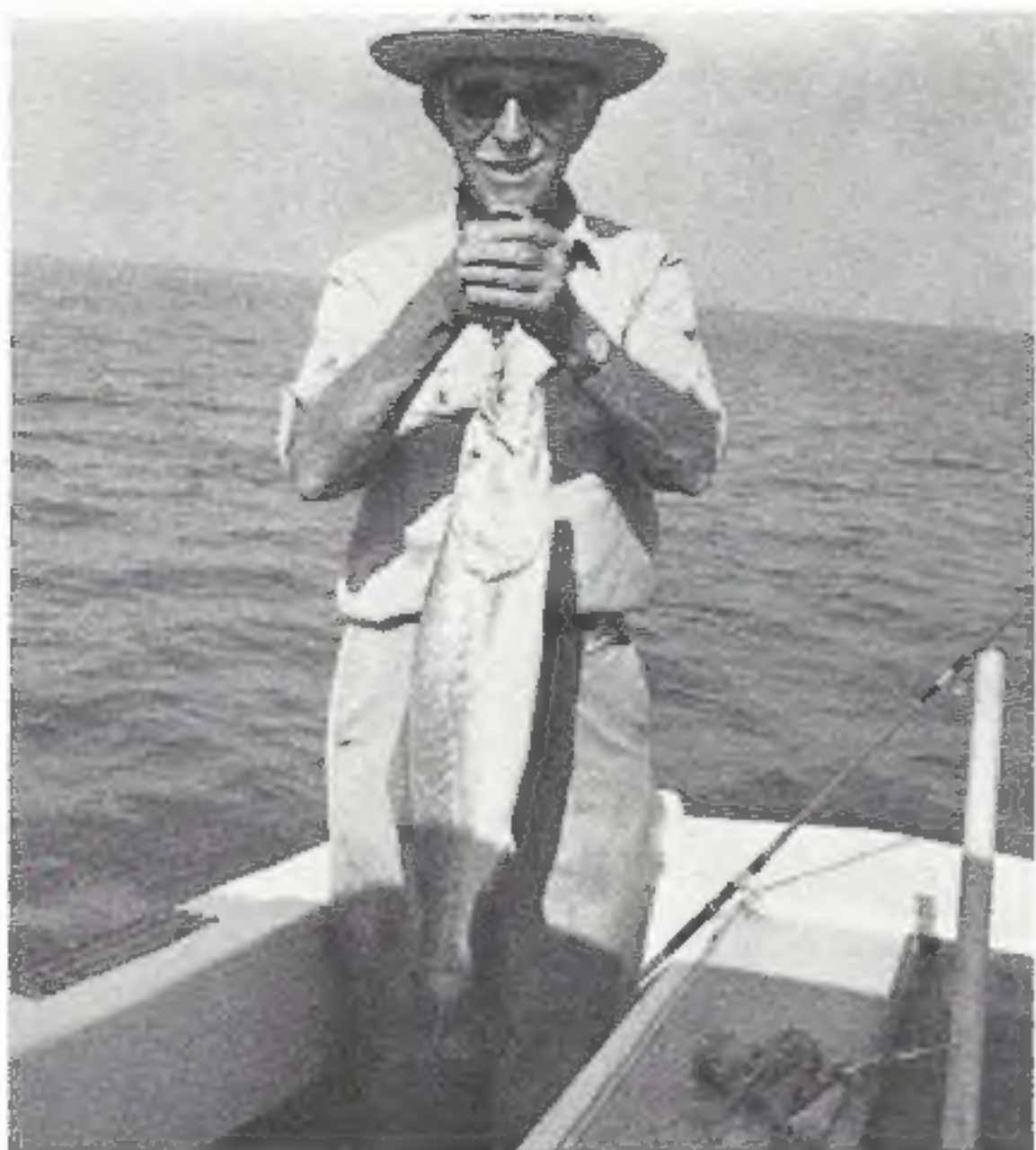


**RETIREMENT PARTY**—Lafayette friends and co-workers threw a retirement party recently for Henry Buckalew, district accounting supervisor. Buck was given a 40 channel CB radio and antenna, along with a monetary supplement. Fran Buckalew received a jade necklace and bracelet for her dedicated service as a GSU wife. A surprise party was also given the Buckalews by their square dance club. (from Mona Burris)



**BYE BYE BETTY** — The whole gang on the 10th floor gathered around Betty Raines for a going away party. Though they were sorry to see her go, they were happy for the promotion. On hand to share the goodies were, left to right, Carolyn Theobald, Polly Villafano, Johnnie Daughtery, Betty, Sandra Conn, Virginia Barfield, Suzette Baker, Nancy Rayburn, Helen Head and Betty Caraway. Seated, left to right, Mary Bowser and Karen Little.





**NICE CATCH**—Speckled trout caught last month by E. L. "Robbie" Robinson, retired vice president of Sales. Robinson caught the trout in Sabine Bay, and the fish weighed in at six and a half pounds. Robinson, Glenn Richard, retired board chairman, and C. P. "Jack" Shirey, retired director of Safety, are frequent fishing companions.



**A LITTLE LATE**—Dale Jolly, holding cake, celebrated her birthday two months ago but it took a while to get the picture published. Sorry Dale. But here she is happily surrounded by a few of her friends on the second floor. From left, Brenda Morgan, Ella Reed, Dolores Spafford, Dale, Lathy Malley and Mary Sams.



**LOST IN CROWD**—Harold LaFosse, left, is used to crowds, particularly when he's calling a basketball game, but this gang is much friendlier. Harold was celebrating his ??? birthday with plenty of help from the folks on the 9th floor in Beaumont. The cake didn't last long.



**JAYCEES' AWARD**—Frances Poulson Hall, daughter of Anders and Muriel Poulson (Andy is retired GSUer in Beaumont) was named Outstanding Young Professional of the Year by the St. Louis Jaycees and Jaycees' wives. Frances is married to Ronald W. Hall, and the couple has two children, Anders and Amy.

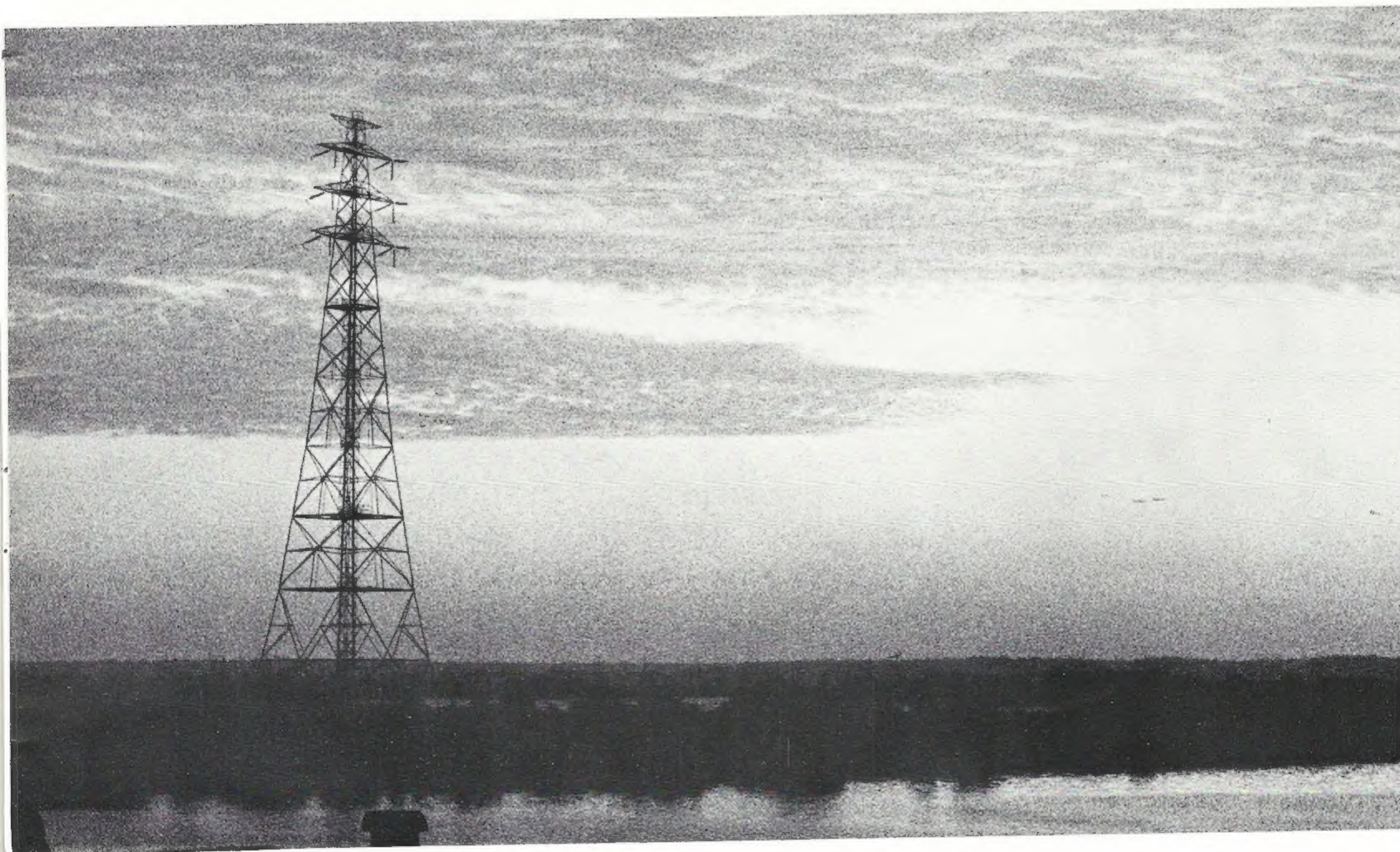


# YOUR BEST SHOT

Almost everyone at one time or another has taken what he considers to be his "best shot."

If you have a best shot you would like to see reproduced here, send it, with the negative if possible, to the PLAIN TALKS office in Beaumont. Your picture can be of any subject, taken with any camera. If selected for use it will automatically be in the running for "Best Shot of the Year," with the winner receiving a nice plaque. Okay . . . take your best shot.

**LINE CROSSING**—Pointing out the importance of having your camera ready when you least expect it is shown with this picture of a sunrise over the marshland near Neches Station in Beaumont. Ed Foster, engineer at the plant, happened to be taking a break when he noticed the scene. Ed used a 35mm Pentax camera with the standard 55mm lens. It was shot at a shutter speed of 125 at f.8.





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## "Holiday Recipes"

### Chicken Cornbread Casserole

4 cups crumbled cornbread	¼ cup chopped bell pepper
¼ cup chopped green onion	1½ cups coarsely chopped cooked chicken
¼ cup chopped onion	One 10¾ oz. can cream of chicken soup, undiluted
¼ cup chopped celery	
1½ cups chicken broth	

Mix all ingredients together; pour onto a 12 x 8 x 2 casserole dish and set aside for 20 minutes. Then bake at 350° for 45 minutes.

### Acorn Squash

2 acorn squash	½ cup brown sugar
½ cup fresh cranberries	½ tsp. ground cinnamon

Cut squash in half lengthwise; remove seed. Combine cranberries, brown sugar, butter and cinnamon; fill squash halves with this mixture. Place in a shallow baking dish and surround with ½ inch water. Bake at 350° for 50 minutes or until squash is done. Yield: 4 servings.

### Parsley Popovers

2 eggs	1 tbsp. melted butter
1 cup milk	1 tbsp. dried parsley flakes
1 cup sifted flour	
½ tsp. salt	

Beat all ingredients 1 to 2 minutes. Do not overbeat. Fill 6 or 8 well-greased custard cups ½ full. Bake in a hot oven, 475° for 15 minutes. Reduce heat to 350° and continue baking for 25 to 30 minutes. A few minutes before removing from the oven, prick each popover with a fork to allow steam to escape. Serve with plenty of butter.

### Fresh Apple Cake

4 cups coarsely ground apples	2 eggs - separated
2 cups sugar	1 cup cooking oil
2 tsp. soda	2½ cups flour
1 tsp. salt	1 tsp. cinnamon
	1 cup chopped pecans

Combine apples and sugar, set aside. Beat egg whites stiff. Add yolks to egg whites and beat; add oil and mix well. Set aside. Sift dry ingredients. Add oil and egg mixture to apples and sugar and mix well. Add dry ingredients and nuts, stirring well. Pour in well greased and floured tube pan. Bake at 350° for about 1 hour and 15 minutes. Turn out of pan while cake is hot and drizzle over it 1 cup powdered sugar dissolved in juice of 1 lemon.